

# **State of Alaska**

## **2008 Official Election Pamphlet**

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**It's Your State, It's Your Voice,  
It's Your Choice!**



**Vote November 4<sup>th</sup>**

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**Region IV:  
Northern, Northwest, Southwest, Bristol Bay,  
and Aleutians Coastal Areas**

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***Note: Sample ballots are included with candidates for elected office and judicial retention. Maps are placed with appropriate state house and senate candidates.***

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**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**Division of Elections**  
**Office of the Lieutenant Governor**

October 2008

Dear Alaskan Voter:

I am pleased to provide you with the *2008 Official Election Pamphlet*, your guide to the November general election. This year's pamphlet contains information from candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, United States Senator, United States Representative, State Senator and State Representative.

Information about members of the judiciary who are seeking retention to the bench is also included. The Alaska Judicial Council has provided evaluation information on each of the judicial officers.

This pamphlet also contains information regarding the Bonding Proposition that will appear on the general election ballot.

I hope the information in this pamphlet will help you make informed choices when you go to the polls on November 4.

Alaska has a history of races that have been determined by just a handful of votes. Your vote does make a difference. I hope you will take the time to exercise your right and vote on November 4.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gail Fenumiai".

Gail Fenumiai

Director of Elections

# Voting Information

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Election Day is November 4, 2008

## Polling Places

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **To locate your polling place please call 1-888-383-8683.** In Anchorage, please call 269-8683. The following information explains basic voting rights and will help voters with special needs.

## Bring Identification to the Polls

You **MUST** be prepared to show one form of identification. You may use the following ID:

- Voter ID Card
- Driver's License
- State ID Card
- Current and valid photo ID Card
- Passport
- Military ID Card
- Birth Certificate
- Hunting or Fishing License

**or**, you may use an original copy of one of the following documents if it contains your name and current address:


- Current Utility Bill
- Bank Statement
- Other Government Document
- Government Check
- Pay Check

*If you do not have identification when voting, you will be asked to vote a questioned ballot.*

## What Happens if Your Name is not on Register

If your name does not appear on the precinct register, you may vote a questioned ballot. Before receiving a ballot, you must complete a questioned ballot envelope. Your voted ballot will be placed in a secrecy sleeve and then the secrecy sleeve will be sealed inside the completed questioned ballot envelope. All questioned ballots are returned to the Election Supervisor for review and counting by the Questioned Ballot Review Board.

## Marking the Ballot

When voting the ballot, completely fill in the oval next to the candidate or issue you wish to vote for. Fill in the oval like this: 

You only have to mark the races or issues you choose to vote for. If you mark more than one choice in a race or issue, that section of the ballot will NOT be counted. The sections of the ballot that are properly marked will be counted.

If you make a mistake marking your ballot, DO NOT erase or correct the ballot. You may return the spoiled ballot to an election worker and request a new ballot. If you attempt to correct a mistake on the ballot, the corrected vote may not be counted. **Note:** *You may only receive a replacement for a spoiled ballot 2 times.*

## Campaigning Prohibited Near Polls

Alaska law prohibits political persuasion within 200 feet of any entrance to a polling place during the hours the polls are open. This means you may not discuss or display campaign items for candidates or issues appearing on the ballot at that polling place.



# Voter Rights, Assistance and Concerns

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## Questioned Voting

If your name is not listed on the precinct register or if you do not have identification, you have the right to vote a questioned ballot. The information you provide on the outside of the questioned ballot envelope will be used to determine your voting eligibility and to update your voter registration information. If for any reason your questioned ballot is not fully counted, you will be notified in writing.

## Language or Other Assistance While Voting

If you need assistance during the voting process, you may have a person of your choice provide any needed assistance as long as that person is not a candidate, your employer, agent of your employer or agent of a union you belong to. Assistance may be provided during each step of the voting process, including assistance inside the voting booth with reading or marking the ballot. You may also receive assistance from the election board. This is your right under federal law.

The Division of Elections provides for language assistance for Alaska Native and Filipino (Tagalog) voters who have limited English proficiency through the use of bilingual election workers and interpreters. Alaska Native language assistance is available on Election Day in many rural polling places throughout the state. Filipino (Tagalog) language assistance is available on Election Day in Kodiak. If you need language assistance, please contact the Division of Elections. Yup'ik language assistance is available by calling, toll-free, 1-866-954-8683.

## Touch Screen Voting Option

There will be one touch screen voting unit in each polling place. Touch screen voting is intended for the blind, disabled, and for voters who do not read well. Alaska's touch screen voting unit allows disabled voters to vote unassisted through the use of magnified, high contrast and audio ballots. If you need to vote using the touch screen voting unit, let the election board know.

## Visually Impaired Voters

Magnifying ballot viewers for the visually impaired will be available at all polling places and absentee voting sites.

Audio recording of this pamphlet is available at each Regional Election Office or from the Alaska State Library, Talking Book Center, located in Anchorage. Telephone the library at (907) 269-6575 for information.

## Hearing Impaired Voters

The Division of Elections has a TTY telecommunications device, which allows hearing impaired voters to obtain general information about elections by calling (907) 465-3020.

## Physically Disabled Voters

If you have difficulty gaining access to your polling place, or if you have accessibility questions about your polling place, please let the Division of Elections know. We make every effort to ensure that polling places are accessible to all Alaskans.

## Concerns, Comments, Questions

If you have any concerns or comments about voting, if you have questions, or if you would like more information about our special services, please contact any regional elections office.

### Region I

**Juneau:** (907) 465-3021  
Toll-free 866-948-8683

### Region III

**Fairbanks:** (907) 451-2835  
Toll-free 866-959-8683

### Region II

**Anchorage:** (907) 522-8683  
Toll-free 866-958-8683  
**Mat-Su:** (907) 373-8952

### Region IV

**Nome:** (907) 443-5285  
Toll-free 866-953-8683

**Yup'ik Language Assistance, Toll-free 866-954-8683**

**Director's Office, Toll-free 866-952-8683**

# STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

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November 2008

Fellow military service member:

We volunteer to wear the uniform because it is a calling. A calling to defend freedom and to stand up for what we believe is right and just, not only in the United States of America, but wherever we are called to serve.

This election cycle, you may be deployed overseas, but that does not mean you have given up your right to vote. It is just as important that you vote now, while you are deployed, to choose who you believe will be the best person to serve in political office.

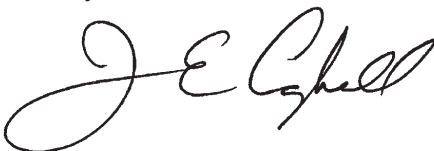
This is the foundation of freedom: the opportunity to vote.

If you do not have the opportunity to vote in person, hopefully you have already voted absentee by-mail. If you have not already voted, and will miss the mail application deadline, please vote by absentee-fax. It's quick, easy, and will ensure that your choice will be heard at home, no matter where you're serving in the world. Please take the following into account:

- By using this method you are voluntarily waiving your right to a secret ballot
- You must apply separately for each election. The fax application form will not be accepted until 15 days before the election. Print; completely fill in the form, sign. Then fax the completed form to the Alaska Division of Elections. When your application is approved, a ballot will be faxed to you.
- Vote your ballot, have your signature witnessed and fax (or mail) the ballot according to instructions.
- If you are returning your ballot by fax, it must be voted, witnessed and received by the appropriate fax machine in the Absentee Voting Office by 8:00 p.m. Alaska time on election day.

I encourage you to exercise your right to vote and speak out for who you believe will serve your community best.

Sincerely,



Maj. Gen. Craig E. Campbell

Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

# Absentee Voting

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## Early/In Person/By Mail/By Fax/Special Needs Voting

There are several absentee voting options available during each election. You may vote absentee in person, by mail, by fax or vote a special needs ballot through a personal representative.

### Voting Early or Absentee In Person

Beginning **October 20, 2008**, you may vote at an absentee voting site. Ballots for all 40 districts are available at all Regional Elections offices. In addition to the Regional Elections offices, there are many other voting sites throughout Alaska that will have ballots for their house district. For more information or for a list of absentee voting locations visit our website or contact a Regional Elections office.

### Special Needs Voting

If you are unable to go to the polls due to age, serious illness or a disability, you may have a personal representative pick up and deliver a ballot to you beginning 15 days before an election at an absentee voting site or on Election Day at the polling place. Your personal representative can be anyone over 18, except a candidate for office in the election, the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

### Voting By Mail or By Fax

The Division of Elections Absentee Office handles all absentee by mail and fax applications. To vote by mail or by fax, you must submit an application.

#### Absentee By Mail

Absentee ballot applications can be submitted after January 1<sup>st</sup> of each election year. You can request a ballot for a specific election or for all elections in the year. **Absentee by mail ballot applications for the General election must be received by October 25, 2008.**

Apply early to ensure timely delivery of your ballot. Your voted ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

#### Absentee By Fax

Voting by fax should be your last alternative for casting a ballot. You may apply for fax voting **October 20, 2008 through 5:00pm Alaska Time on November 3, 2008**. You may return your voted fax ballot by mail or by fax. **If you return your voted ballot by fax, it must be received no later than 8:00pm Alaska Time on Election Day.** If you return your voted ballot by mail, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

If you have questions about voting by mail or fax, please contact the Division of Elections Absentee By Mail/By Fax Section at (907) 375-6400.

For more information about absentee voting, contact any Division of Elections office or visit our website at:

**[www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)**

# Mail or Fax Your Completed Absentee By Mail Ballot Application To:

Division Of Elections  
Absentee Voting Section  
619 E. Ship Creek Ave. #329 • Anchorage, Alaska 99501-1677  
Phone: (907) 375-6400 - Fax: (907) 677-9943

## 2008 State of Alaska Absentee By Mail Ballot Application

This application MUST be received AT LEAST 10 DAYS prior to election day - APPLY EARLY

<b>1. Send ballot(s) for:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> All Elections <input type="checkbox"/> Primary (August) <input type="checkbox"/> General (November) <input type="checkbox"/> REAA/CRSA (October) To request an absentee by mail ballot for city/borough elections, you must apply directly with your city/borough clerk's office.	
<b>2. You MUST complete this section for registration:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No I am a citizen of the United States. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No I am at least 18 years old or will be within 90 days of completing this application. If you checked NO to either question, do not complete this form as you are not eligible to register to vote.	
<b>3. Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>
<b>Middle Initial</b>	<b>Suffix (Sr., Jr., Etc.)</b>
<b>4. Name Previously Registered:</b> _____	<b>5. *Voter Number:</b> _____ (If Known)
<b>6. You MUST Provide the Alaska Residence Address Where You Claim Residency</b> – do not use PO, PSC, HC or RR House No.    Street Name    Apt #    City    State  _____ <b>ALASKA</b> If your mailing address is DIFFERENT than your residence address, and you want to keep your residence address confidential, check the following box. * [ ] Yes, please keep my residence address confidential.	
<b>7. Permanent Mailing Address</b> _____ _____ _____	<b>8. *Identifiers</b> – You MUST provide at least ONE SSN or Last 4 of SSN: _____ / _____ / _____ AK Driver's License No.: _____ AK State Identification No.: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I have not been issued a SSN or AK Driver's License or AK State ID No.
<b>9. * Date of Birth</b> – You MUST provide _____ / _____ / _____ Month    Day    Year	<b>10. Sex</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
<b>11. Political Affiliation</b> – For information on political affiliation choices in Alaska, see No. 7 in instructions. Write political affiliation here: _____ (Your primary ballot choice is based on your political affiliation.)	
<b>12. For Military and Overseas Voter ONLY – Check One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. Citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S. or other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.	<b>13. *Contact</b> – (Include all state and international prefixes) Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____
<b>14. Ballot Mailing Address</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check here to mail your ballot to the permanent mailing address listed above or provide a different address below: _____ _____ _____	<b>15. *Primary Ballot Choice</b> (August Election Only) You MUST select ONE ballot choice or you may not receive a ballot. <b>See instructions for more information about ballot choice.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Ballot with Alaskan Independence, Democratic, Libertarian Candidates and Ballot Measure(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Ballot with Alaska Republican Candidates and Ballot Measure(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Ballot Measure(s) ONLY (no candidates)
<b>16. <input type="checkbox"/> For Military and Overseas Voters:</b> Check here if you selected a choice under No. 12 and would like to receive ballots through the next two regularly scheduled General Elections at the ballot mailing address you provided in No. 14.	
<b>17. <input type="checkbox"/> Special Advance Ballots:</b> Check this box if you will be living, working, or traveling outside the U.S. or you are in a remote area of Alaska and would like a special advance ballot. Ballots are mailed beginning 60 days prior to election day. See No. 9 in instructions for additional information about this ballot.	
<b>18. Voter Certificate. Read and sign:</b> I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that: The information on this form is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction, I am not requesting a ballot from any other state, and I am not voting in any other manner in this (these) election(s). I further certify that I am an Alaska resident and that I have not been convicted of a felony, or having been so convicted, have been unconditionally discharged from incarceration, probation and/or parole. I am not registered to vote in another state or I have taken the necessary steps to cancel that registration. <b>*WARNING: If you provide false information on this application you can be convicted of a felony and/or misdemeanor. (AS 15.56.040; AS 15.56.050)</b>	
<b>*Signature</b> _____ <b>Date</b> _____	
<b>Registrar/Agency/Official – Check ID and complete this section</b>	
Registrar Name _____ Voter # or SSN _____ OR Agency Name: _____	
<b>For Office Use Only</b> <input type="checkbox"/> S/A & M/A    VN _____ <input type="checkbox"/> M/A <input type="checkbox"/> Return Codes _____ D/P _____	

\*Items are kept confidential by the Division of Elections and are not available for public inspection except that confidential addresses may be released to government agencies or during election processes as set out in state law.

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# 2008 Absentee By Mail Ballot Application Instructions

## When Completing This Application, Provide:

1. **Alaska Residence Address Where You Live** – A physical residence address in Alaska **must** be included. The residence address is used to assign your voting district and precinct. Your application will not be processed if you do not provide a residence address or if you provide a PO Box, HC No. and Box, PSC Box, Rural Route No., Commercial Address or Mail Stop Address in number 6 of the application.  
  
If your residence has been assigned a street number, provide that number. If not, indicate exactly where you live such as, highway name and milepost number, boat harbor with pier and slip number, subdivision name with lot and block or trailer park name and space number. If you live in a rural village in Alaska, you may provide the community name as your residence address.  
  
**Are you temporarily out of State?** If so, and you have intent to return, you may maintain your Alaska residence as it appears on your current record. If you provide a new residence address, it must be within Alaska.
2. **Proof of Identity** – Your identity **must** be verified. If you have been issued a Social Security Number, an Alaska Driver's License number or an Alaska State ID card number, you **MUST** provide at least one in number 8. If you have never been issued one of the identification numbers, you may indicate this by checking the appropriate box.
3. **Date of Birth** – If you do not provide a date of birth, your application will not be processed.
4. **Are you submitting this application by mail, by FAX or by PDF file through e-mail?** If so, and if you are not already registered to vote in Alaska, your identity **must** be verified either at the time you register or the first time you vote. If you would like to ensure that your identity is verified at the time you register, submit a copy of one of the following:
  - Current and valid photo identification
  - Driver's license
  - Passport
  - State identification card
  - Birth certificate
  - Hunting and Fishing licenseIf you do not provide proof of identification at the time of registration, you will be required to meet certain identification requirements at the time you vote.
5. **Are you registering from outside the State of Alaska?** If so, you **must** provide proof of Alaska residency, such as a copy of your current Alaska driver's license, hunting or fishing license, student loan documents, proof of employment in Alaska, or military leave and earnings statement.
6. **Have you been convicted of a felony?** If so, you may register to vote only if you have been unconditionally discharged. Provide a copy of your discharge papers with this application if available.
7. **Political Affiliation – Recognized political parties** are those parties that have gained recognized political party status under Alaska Statute. **Political groups** are those groups who have applied for political party status but have not met the qualifications to be a recognized political party under Alaska Statutes. Political affiliations in Alaska are as follows:

<b>Recognized Political Parties:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alaska Democratic Party</li><li>• Alaska Libertarian Party</li><li>• Alaska Republican Party</li><li>• Alaskan Independence Party</li></ul>	<b>Political Groups:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Green Party of Alaska</li><li>• Republican Moderate Party</li><li>• Veterans of Alaska</li></ul>	<b>Other:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nonpartisan (not affiliated with a political party or group)</li><li>• Undeclared (do not wish to declare a political affiliation)</li></ul>
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8. **Primary Election Ballot Choice Information** – Your political affiliation 30 days before the election determines the ballot selection you are eligible to make. You **must** select a ballot type that is available to you and corresponding to your political affiliation in number 11. If you are not affiliated with a political party or group and you do not select a ballot choice, your application will not be processed for the primary election.
  - Any registered voter may select the Alaskan Independence, Democratic, Libertarian Candidates ballot.
  - Only voters registered as Republican, Nonpartisan or Undeclared may select the Republican Candidates ballot.
  - Any registered voter may select the Ballot Measures ONLY ballot. This ballot will have only ballot measures and no candidates will appear on this ballot.
9. **Special Advance Ballots** – This ballot is a blank ballot with spaces for you to write-in the names of the candidates you wish to vote for and is mailed beginning 60 days before election day. This ballot is for those voters who are overseas or in remote areas of Alaska where the mail service may be slow. In addition to the 60 day advance ballot, you will also be mailed the official ballot 2-3 weeks before the election. You may vote and return both ballots. If both ballots are returned in time, only the official ballot will be counted.
10. **Upon completion, send your application by mail, by FAX or by PDF file through e-mail** no later than 10 days before election day.

Division of Elections  
Absentee Voting Office  
619 E. Ship Creek Ave., Suite 329  
Anchorage, AK 99501-1677

FAX: (907) 677-9943  
Phone: (907) 375-6400  
E-Mail: akabsentee@alaska.gov

# Absentee Voting Locations

Ballots for all districts statewide are available for Region IV voters at the following locations:

**Division of Elections Offices listed below will have ballots available during the following times:**

October 20 - November 3	M-F	8:00am - 5:00pm
November 1	Saturday	10:00am - 4:00pm
November 2	Sunday	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Election Day, November 4		7:00am - 8:00pm

**Anchorage**  
2525 Gambell St., Suite 100

**Fairbanks**  
675 7th Avenue, Suite A2

**Juneau**  
9109 Mendenhall Mall Road, Suite 3

**Nome**  
103 E. Front Street, 2nd Floor

**Wasilla**  
1700 E. Bogard Road, Bldg. B, Suite 102

**Statewide ballots are also available at the following locations during the listed times:**

Anchorage City Hall 632 W. 6th Avenue, Suite 105	October 20 - November 3 Election Day - November 4	M-F	8:00am - 5:00pm 7:00am - 8:00pm
Anchorage, University of Alaska Student Union, 2nd Floor	November 3 Election Day - November 4		8:00am - 5:00pm 7:00am - 8:00pm
Anchorage International Airport South Terminal, Ground Transportation Lobby	Election Day - November 4		7:00am - 8:00pm
Fairbanks International Airport	Election Day - November 4		7:00am - 8:00pm
Fairbanks, University of Alaska Wood Center	November 3 Election Day - November 4		8:00am - 5:00pm 7:00am - 8:00pm
Juneau, Court Plaza Building 240 Main St., 1st Floor	October 20 - November 3 Election Day - November 4	M-F	8:00am - 5:00pm 7:00am - 8:00pm
Juneau International Airport	Election Day - November 4		7:00am - 8:00pm
Ketchikan Airport	Election Day - November 4		7:00am - 8:00pm
Kodiak Airport	Election Day - November 4		7:00am - 8:00pm
Prudhoe Bay, Service Area 10 Hotel Old Spine Road	November 1 - November 4		8:00am - 8:00pm
Sitka Airport	Election Day - November 4		7:00am - 8:00pm
Soldotna Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Chambers 144 N Binkley	October 20 - November 3 Election Day - November 4	M-F	9:00am - 5:00pm 7:00am - 8:00pm

# Absentee Voting Locations

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Ballots for individual districts are available for Region IV voters at the following locations:				
Adak City Office	October 20 - November 4	M-F	9:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 37
Chignik Lagoon Native Village of Chignik	October 20 - November 4	M-F	As Needed	House Dist. 37
Chignik Lake Council Building	October 20 - November 4	M-F	As Needed	House Dist. 37
Cold Bay City Office	October 20 - November 4	M-F	8:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 37
False Pass City Office	October 20 - November 4	M-F	8:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 37
Dillingham City Office	October 20 - November 4	M-F	8:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 37
Naknek Bristol Bay Borough Clerk's Office	October 20 - November 4	M-F	8:00am - 4:30pm	House Dist. 37
Nelson Lagoon Corporation Office	October 20 - November 4	M-F	8:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 37
Pilot Point City Hall	October 20 - November 4	M-F	As Needed	House Dist. 37
Sand Point City Office	October 20 - November 4	M-F	8:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 37
St. Paul City Office	October 20 - November 4	M-F	8:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 37
Twin Hills Village Council Building	Election Day - November 4		8:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 37
Unalaska City Hall	October 20 - November 4	M-F	8:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 37
Bethel City Clerk's Office	October 20 - November 4	M-F	9:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 38
Kasigluk	Election Day - November 4		8:00am - 8:00pm	House Dist. 38
St. Mary's City Hall	October 20 - November 4	M-F	9:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 39
Unalakleet Native Village of Unalakleet Bldg.	October 20 - November 4	M-F	9:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 39
Barrow North Slope Borough Clerk's Office	October 20 - November 4	M-F	8:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 40
Kotzebue Northwest Arctic Borough Clerk's Office	October 20 - November 4	M-F	8:00am - 5:00pm	House Dist. 40



# Voter Eligibility and Polling Places

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q - Who can vote?**

**A -** U.S. citizens, 18 years or older, who are registered to vote in Alaska at least 30 days before an election, with the exception of voting for President/Vice President. You can register and vote for President on Election Day through the questioned ballot process.

**Q - May I register to vote before I am 18?**

**A -** You may register 90 days before you turn 18, but you must be 18 on or before Election Day in order to vote.

**Q - I have just become a U.S. citizen. May I vote in the General Election?**

**A -** If you became a U.S. citizen and registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the election, you may vote for all races appearing on the ballot. If you became a citizen and/or registered to vote after the 30-day deadline, you may vote for President.

**Q - If I was convicted of a felony may I still vote?**

**A -** Your voting rights are restored after you have been unconditionally discharged from your sentence and after you re-register to vote.

**Q - How do I register to vote?**

**A -** You may register to vote in Alaska by completing a voter registration application and presenting it in person to the Division of Elections, a voter registrar in your community, a city or borough clerk, or a voter registration agency (e.g., DMV, recruitment offices of the armed forces). You may also mail it to a Division of Elections' office. A voter registration application can be downloaded from our web site: [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)

**Q - I have moved within the state since I last voted. How do I update my voter registration record?**

**A -** You may change/update your registration record on the Voter Registration Application. If you did not update your registration at least 30 days prior to the election you will have to vote a questioned ballot.

## Polling Place Questions

To Determine Where Your Polling Place Is Located, Please Call 1-888-383-8683 (In Anchorage, 269-8683) Or Visit Our Web Site At: [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov)

**Q - Where do I vote?**

**A -** Go to your polling place.

**Q - If I'm not sure about what to do when I get to my polling place, is there someone there to help me?**

**A -** Yes, the election board workers at the polling place will help you.

**Q - Do I need identification when I go to vote? If so, what type?**

**A -** Yes. Examples of appropriate ID include: a driver's license, State ID card, voter ID card, military ID, fishing or hunting license, or passport. A picture ID is not necessary.

**Q - May I take my completed sample ballot or my own written list into the voting booth?**

**A -** Yes. Deciding how you will vote before you get to the polls will help you vote an informed ballot.

**Q - Is there any way to vote instead of going to the polling place on Election Day?**

**A -** Yes. See the section in this pamphlet on Absentee Voting.



## Polling Place Changes

<u>District/Precinct</u>	<u>Precinct Name</u>	<u>New Polling Location</u>
37-738	St. George Island	Anna C. Lestenkof Residence Central Avenue St. George Island, AK

To locate your polling place please call 1-888-383-8683.  
In Anchorage, please call 269-8683.

## Identification needed at all polling locations

Voters **MUST** be prepared to show one form of identification such as:

- Voter ID Card
- Driver's License
- State Identification Card
- Passport
- Military ID Card
- Birth Certificate
- Hunting and Fishing License
- Other current or valid photo ID

Other forms of identification you may present,  
that **MUST** include your name and current address, are:

- Current Utility Bill
- Government Check
- Other Government Document
- Bank Statement
- Pay Check

If you do not have identification,  
you will be asked to vote a Questioned Ballot.



# Candidates For Elected Office

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November 4

# Candidates For Elected Office

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General Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2008

## **United States President and Vice President**

Chuck Baldwin and Darrell Castle\*, Alaskan Independence  
Bob Barr and Wayne A. Root, Libertarian  
John McCain and Sarah Palin, Republican  
Ralph Nader and Matt Gonzalez, Independent  
Barack Obama and Joe Biden, Democrat

## **United States Senate**

Mark Begich, Democrat  
Bob Bird, Alaskan Independence  
Ted Gianoutsos, No Party  
Fredrick D. "David" Haase, Libertarian  
Ted Stevens, Republican

## **United States Representative**

Ethan Berkowitz, Democrat  
Don E. Young, Republican  
Don R. Wright\*, Alaskan Independence

## **Alaska State Senate**

### **SENATE DISTRICT T**

Donald C. "Donny" Olson, Democrat

## **Alaska State House**

### HOUSE DISTRICT 37

Ron Bowers, Republican  
Bryce Edgmon, Democrat

### HOUSE DISTRICT 38

Bob Herron, Democrat

### HOUSE DISTRICT 39

Richard Foster, Democrat

### HOUSE DISTRICT 40

Reggie Joule, Democrat

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# United States President

## Chuck Baldwin, Alaskan Independence



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### **OCCUPATION:**

Founder and pastor of Crossroad Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, host of *Chuck Baldwin Live* radio show, columnist and author.

### **EDUCATION:**

Graduated from Liberty Bible Institute at Liberty University and holds a master's degree from Christian Bible College. Two honorary doctor of divinity degrees from Christian Bible College and Trinity Baptist College.

### **OTHER:**

Past chair of the Florida Moral Majority, 2004 Constitution Party Vice Presidential Candidate and a life member of Gun Owners of America. Chuck Baldwin's articles are featured regularly in newspapers and on many Internet news sites including World Net Daily.

Chuck Baldwin has preached in churches all over the United States and overseas. Many conservative political and values leaders have spoken in his church including Patrick J. Buchanan, Congressman Joe Scarborough, Ambassador Alan Keys and Judge Roy Moore.

Chuck and his wife Connie were married in 1973 and have three children and six grandchildren.

### **STATEMENT:**

As president, I would measure every issue in light of the Constitution. I would start the process of bringing our troops home from Iraq and Afghanistan and the more than 130 countries in which they are stationed.

I would honor our veterans by ensuring them the best and most timely medical care and do everything in my power to locate all MIA's and POW's.

Instead of guarding borders around the world, I would make sure our borders at home are sealed and work to end the practice of hiring illegal aliens. There would no longer be taxpayer funded education, medical care or other benefits for those here unlawfully.

I would encourage Congress to pass Congressman Ron Paul's Sanctity of Life Act, which would declare the personhood of the unborn and remove abortion from the jurisdiction of the Court.

I would defend the Constitutional rights of gun owners and homeschoolers which have suffered egregious attacks on their rights.

I would work to overturn the so-called Patriot Act, which has gutted significant portions of our Constitution.

I would end all so-called "free trade" agreements like NAFTA, and GATT. The NAFTA Superhighway and the proposed North American Union would no longer be a threat to American sovereignty.

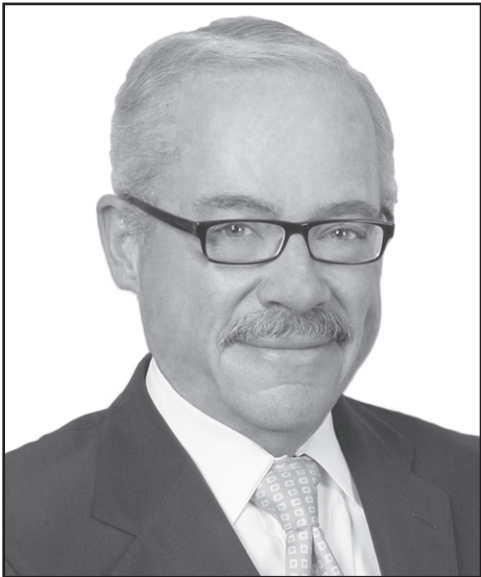
We must end our dependence on foreign oil, develop domestic sources and build refineries and nuclear power plants. Gas prices would reflect the wisdom of relying on our own natural resources.

Americans are counting on a return to limited, Constitutional government.

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# United States President

## Bob Barr, Libertarian



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**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Married to Jeri Barr

**CHILDREN:** two children

**OCCUPATION:** Attorney, Law Offices of Edwin Marger

**EDUCATION:**  
JD ('77, Georgetown University Law Center), MA in International Affairs ('72, George Washington University), BA ('70, University of Southern California)

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency (1971-78), United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia (1986-1990), U.S. House of Representatives (1995-2003)

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**  
Board Member, National Rifle Association

### STATEMENT:

Throughout his distinguished career, Bob Barr has proven that he is the leader Americans need to restore confidence of the American people in the future of their nation. Both working for the American people as a Congressman from Georgia and afterwards partnering with groups dedicated to protecting civil liberties, Bob has shown a commitment to shrinking government and returning liberty back to the people.

Americans know that the answer to today's problems is not more government, and Bob will work tirelessly to cut taxes, reduce government spending and restore our civil liberties lost during the Bush administration. Having seen the true nature of government from inside and out, only Bob Barr has the qualifications, the passion, and the commitment to work for the American people in their interest—not the government's.

Since leaving Congress where he served as the vanguard of the Second Amendment, Bob worked to increase individual liberty through such organizations as the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the American Conservative Union as the 21st Century Liberties Chair for Freedom and Privacy. For his work on protecting the privacy and civil liberties of all Americans, legendary New York Times columnist William Safire dubbed Bob "Mr. Privacy."

If there is one candidate who consistently comes down on the side of the American people's rights, it is Bob Barr. Bob knows the answer is less government, and has proven that he will deliver the real change necessary to lead America into a new era of prosperity and freedom.

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# United States Vice President

## Wayne Allyn Root, Libertarian



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### OTHER:

Wayne Allyn Root's father was a butcher from Brownsville, Brooklyn. He graduated as Valedictorian from his high school, then graduated from Columbia University in 1983 as a Political Science major (in the same class as Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama). He has been married to a former Miss Oklahoma, Debra Root, for over 16 years. The couple have four children: Dakota, Hudson, Remington, and Contessa.

Founder and Chairman of a successful small business, Wayne is a self-made businessman as well as an author and television producer. He started as an anchorman for what later became CNBC.

He has never done business with a lobbyist or worked with any state or federal government. Though constantly kept busy with business and politics, he has still made time to home school all of his children. He is a lifetime member of the Libertarian Party, and proudly dedicated to the cause of liberty.

### STATEMENT:

Wayne supports smaller government, reduced spending, reduced entitlements, reduced bureaucracy, dramatically lower taxes, and greater personal freedom for individuals. In the area of education, he supports more parental control, more emphasis on school choice (moving education to the state and local level), and increased competition through vouchers.

Root and his wife choose to home-school their children. He is a strong supporter of gun rights for the individual. Root is a small businessman who believes the 2-party system is built on corruption, greed and bribery.

He believes that the two major parties both bribe the electorate to achieve power—thereby spending America and our children and grandchildren into bankruptcy. He is a fiscal conservative in the mode of his heroes Ronald Reagan and Barry Goldwater. He is socially tolerant, believing that most social issues should be determined on the state and local level.

Root calls for the repeal of the income tax and favors replacing all sources of federal tax revenues with a tax on each state in proportion to its population, with each state deciding for itself how to raise its share of the money.

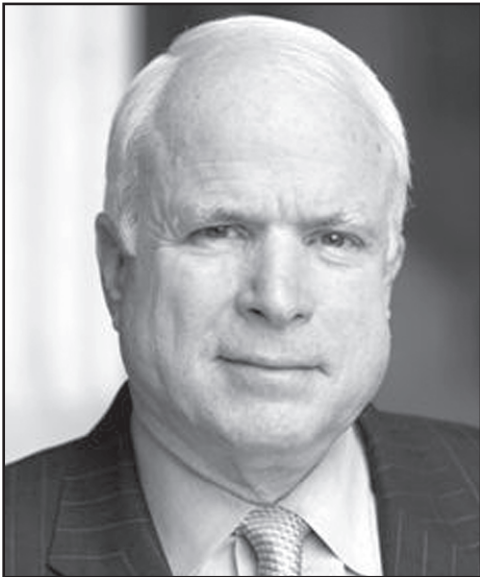
Root holds that "the Iraq war is a disaster". His way out is to "use the success of the surge to declare victory and make plans to get out of Iraq as soon as reasonably possible". He also questions Central Intelligence Agency information on Iran, would use "any diplomatic means", including the United Nations, in order to "avoid another war".

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# United States President

## John McCain, Republican



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John McCain has a remarkable record of leadership and experience that is evidenced by his lifelong commitment of putting his country first. After serving two terms in the U.S. House, John McCain's reform agenda propelled him to the United States Senate.

In the Senate John McCain has been a consistent leader to reform Washington, eliminate wasteful government spending and lower taxes. John has continually fought to close loopholes for special interests and save taxpayer dollars by working hard to end pork barrel spending. He has been a pioneer in advocating America's energy security by calling for the expansion of domestic oil exploration, producing more power and developing alternative energies.

During his service in Vietnam, John McCain was taken as a prisoner of war where he was aided by his faith and the friendships of his fellow POWs. Senator McCain and his wife Cindy have seven children and four grandchildren.

### STATEMENT:

In war and peace, I have been a dedicated servant of our country. Whenever I faced an important choice between our country's interests, party politics or special interests, I chose our country.

I will continue to put our country first by ushering in a new era of reform, prosperity and peace. If I'm elected President, the era of the permanent campaign will end. The era of problem solving will begin. Washington is broken, and I intend to fix it. All you've ever asked of government is that it stand on your side, not in your way.

I will stand by your side to grow this economy, create more jobs and get America moving again. I will aggressively push to develop alternative energies while expanding our use of existing energy resources here at home. As President, I intend to provide future generations of Americans with a safer, more peaceful world than the one we inherited. We will achieve energy security and ensure that healthcare is affordable and available for all. It is incumbent on America, more than any other nation on earth, to lead in building the foundations for a stable and enduring peace.

I will put an agenda of reform, prosperity and peace for America before any partisan interest or special interest. I will keep that promise every hour of every day I am in office.

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# United States Vice President

## Sarah Palin, Republican



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**AGE:** 44

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Sandpoint, Idaho

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Todd Palin

**CHILDREN:** Track, Bristol, Willow,  
Piper, and Trig

**OCCUPATION:** Governor, State of Alaska

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 44 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Skagway, AK	1964-1970
Eagle River, AK	1970-1972
Wasilla, AK	1972-Present

**EDUCATION:**

Wasilla High School, Diploma - 1982; University of Idaho - graduate B.S. Communications, Journalism 1987

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

City of Wasilla, Council Member; City of Wasilla, Mayor  
Alaska Conference of Mayors, President; Alaska Municipal League Board; Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission, Chair; State of Alaska, Governor; Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission, Chair; National Governors Association, Natural Resources Committee, Chair

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Sigma Beta Delta Honor Society, APU; Valley Hospital Association Board; American Management Association; Alaska Outdoor Council; Alaska Miner's Association; Alaska Resource Development Council; Youth Court Steering Committee.

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Lifetime NRA Member; Iditarod PTA; Salvation Army Board; Various Chambers of commerce; Valley Youth Sports Coach; Hockey Team Manager; Honorary Member, Rotary; Feminists for Life.

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Youth Athletics; Snowmachines; Running; History; Biographical Histories of U.S. Founders; Hunting; Fishing.

**OTHER:**

American Public Works Association, Alaska chapter "Person of the Year" Award; "Top 40 Under 40" Award.

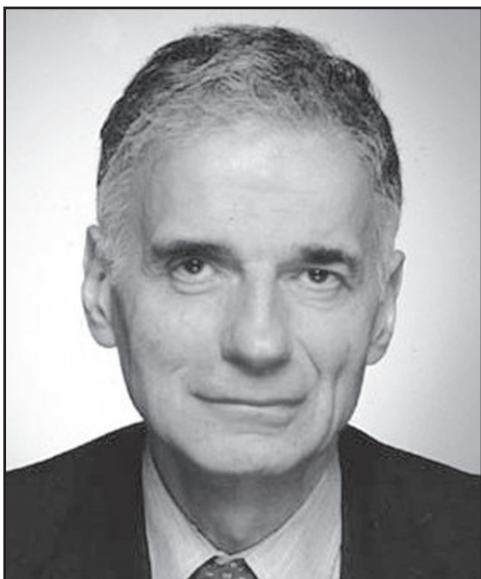
**STATEMENT:**

Governor Sarah Palin made history when she was elected as the first woman to win Alaska's governor's office. Since taking office, her top priorities have been resource development, education and workforce development, public health and safety, and transportation and infrastructure development. Under her leadership she created Alaska's Petroleum Systems Integrity Office to provide oversight and maintenance of oil and gas equipment, facilities and infrastructure, and the Climate Change Subcabinet to prepare a climate change strategy for Alaska. During her first legislative session, Governor Palin's administration passed two major pieces of legislation — an overhaul of the state's ethics laws and a competitive process to construct a gas pipeline. She is married to Todd Palin, who is a lifelong Alaskan, a production operator on the North Slope and a four-time champion of the Iron Dog, the world's longest snowmachine race. Todd and Sarah fish in Bristol Bay with their children.

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# United States President

## Ralph Nader, Independent



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**AGE:** 74

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Winsted, CT

**OCCUPATION:** Consumer Advocate

**EDUCATION:**

AB magna cum laude, Princeton University  
LL.B with distinction, Harvard Law School.

**MILITARY SERVICE:**

United States Army - 6 months

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

US Dept. of Labor

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Attorney, Author, Professor

**OTHER:**

Attorney, author and consumer advocate Ralph Nader has been named by Time Magazine one of the "100 Most Influential Americans in the 20th Century". For more than four decades he has exposed problems and organized millions of citizens into more than 100 public interest groups advocating solutions. He led the movement to establish the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and enact the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and countless other pieces of important consumer legislation. Because of Ralph Nader we drive safer cars, eat healthier food, breathe better air, drink cleaner water, and work in safer environments.

**STATEMENT:**

Corporations have wrested control of government, causing wasteful spending and sweetheart deals while disenfranchising average Americans. Power must be returned to the people, whose needs should be met before corporations: We must adopt a national, single-payer health care system to cover all citizens, provide free college education, and repair the crumbling infrastructure of our cities and schools, increasing both jobs and quality of life. Repeal the WTO and NAFTA, which drains jobs, and provide a living wage for workers - \$10 minimum. Tax the things we like least such as pollution, Wall Street securities speculation, and excessive corporate executive pay, instead of taxing labor. Eliminate all payroll taxes up to \$50,000. We need to crack down on corporate crime. Cut the bloated military budget, effect a total corporate and military withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan, and employ a sensible two-state Middle East solution. Get all money out of politics with full public financing of elections. Defend voter and candidate rights by making Election Day a federal holiday, enacting nationwide same-day voter registration, and halting ballot obstructionism. To solve the energy crisis, we must invest in renewable energies, like wind and solar, and adopt a carbon pollution tax, while halting subsidies for fossil fuels. End attacks on civil liberties like the PATRIOT act and the "war on drugs." Abolish the death penalty and end the private prison system. A free society must ensure that all Americans enjoy full and equal rights, socially, legally, and politically.

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# United States Vice President

## Matt Gonzalez, Independent



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**AGE:** 43

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** McAllen, Texas

**OCCUPATION:** Attorney

### EDUCATION:

BA, Columbia College, Columbia University, 1987. JD, Stanford Law School, 1990.

### POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

2000-2005 San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
2003-2005 President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

### BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

1991-2000 Deputy Public Defender, San Francisco

### OTHER:

In 2000 he was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, representing a district of 80,000 and supervising a city with a budget of \$6 billion. He is best known for having led the effort to implement Instant Run-off Voting in San Francisco, where it has been successfully implemented to obtain a majority outcome without the need for costly run-off elections. Additionally, Gonzalez fought to create a minimum wage in San Francisco which includes a mechanism for yearly cost of living adjustments. (Considered the highest in the country, currently \$9.36 per hour). Since leaving office, Gonzalez has been practicing law in San Francisco, focusing on defending civil rights.

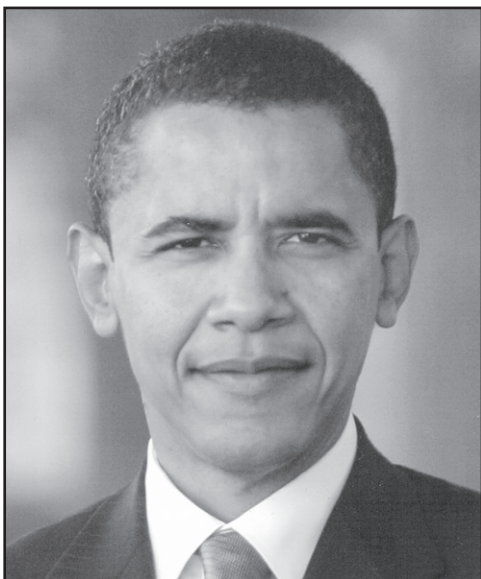
### STATEMENT:

Americans need to take back their government. The federal budget must place human needs before corporate greed and militarism. We must ensure that every citizen has an equal voice through enacting electoral reforms: institute Instant Run Off Voting, where candidates are ranked so the true favorite wins, and allow same-day voter registration. Discontinue paperless electronic voting, which is susceptible to tampering; end gerrymandering and ballot obstructions. Presidential debates should be fair and open. Facilitate voter initiatives, where citizens can enact or reject proposed laws directly. Employ public campaign financing to assure clean and fair elections, and set congressional term limits so legislators stay responsive to their constituency. Oppose "tort reform," which denies victims' rights by placing arbitrary caps on court awards. Fix the pension system so that all Americans retire securely, and provide a minimum wage that responds to inflation and is livable. Cut exorbitant CEO profits and provide free choice health care for all. Ensure the constitutional and social rights of all citizens. Support the Equal Rights Amendment and assure women have reproductive freedom. Support tribal sovereignty for Alaskan natives, and honor all treaties. We must ensure the future of our planet. Preserve our national parks and wilderness zones — no drilling on protected lands. Defend food integrity and safety and support family farms. Invest in renewable energy sources and end fossil fuel reliance, which is environmentally destructive and endangers the ecosystem. Abandoning militaristic pursuits around the world will enable social and educational programs to be fully funded.

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# United States President

## Barack Obama, Democrat



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### OTHER:

Barack Obama was born in Hawaii in 1961. His father was from Kenya, and his mother grew up in small-town Kansas.

After college, Barack Obama took a job in Chicago as a community organizer helping families hurt when the local steel mills closed. After graduating from law school, he returned to Chicago to practice as a civil rights attorney.

As an Illinois State Senator, Obama worked with both Democrats and Republicans to cut taxes for working families by \$100 million and expand early childhood education.

As a U.S. Senator, Obama worked across party lines to pass lobbying and ethics reform. Obama worked with Republican Senator Dick Lugar to pass legislation to lock down nuclear weapons and keep them out of terrorists' hands. On the Veterans Affairs Committee, he fought to get vets the benefits they were promised.

He is married to Michelle Obama. They have two daughters: Malia and Sasha.

### STATEMENT:

America is at a crossroads. The politics of division are consuming Washington. Our economy is on the brink of a recession, energy prices are skyrocketing, and our nation's standing in the world has been weakened.

Rising costs for food and other expenses are squeezing Alaskans' budgets and stretching those on fixed incomes. In rural Alaska, where winter heating bills are often over \$1,000 a month, extreme energy prices are forcing families to leave their homes.

The time has come for a president who will be honest about the choices and challenges we face as a nation.

I'm running for president to change politics-as-usual in Washington and to bring people together to get things done for Alaska.

I will work to:

- lower taxes for seniors and working families and provide a \$1,000-per-family emergency energy rebate;
- pass equal pay laws that ensure women and men are paid at the same rate;
- invest in improving Alaska's students and schools, encouraging parents to stand up and take responsibility for their children's full education;

I respectfully ask for your vote, because together we can change our country and move America forward.

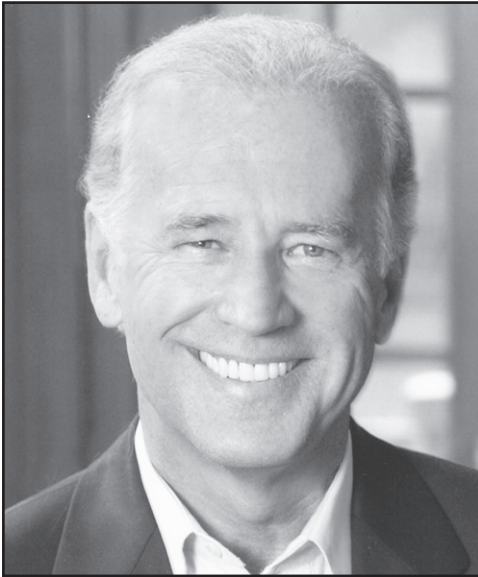
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# United States Vice President

## Joe Biden, Democrat



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### **OTHER:**

Joe Biden was born into a blue-collar family in Scranton, Pennsylvania, in 1942. He has established a reputation as a fighter for working families and a leader in national security.

Senator Biden has served in the U.S. Senate since 1972. He authored legislation to put 100,000 more cops on the streets to lower crime, and he spearheaded the push for the Violence Against Women Act in 1994.

Biden's international leadership is well-established. Senator Biden is Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He has promoted democracy and improved relations in the Balkans, Russia, Georgia and more.

Joe's first wife and daughter died in an accident in 1972. As a single father, he raised two sons, Hunter and Beau, taking the train home from Washington to Delaware every night. Beau deploys to Iraq this fall. Joe remarried in 1977 to Jill Biden, a schoolteacher. They have a daughter, Ashley.

### **STATEMENT:**

Barack Obama and I share a common story, a story that shows that there is no obstacle that can keep you from your dreams if you are willing to work hard and fight for it.

I'm an Irish Catholic kid from Scranton with a father who fell on hard times when the economy faltered. My mom and dad raised me to believe that what counts isn't how many times you get knocked down, but how quickly you get up.

Our country has fallen on some hard times. Barack Obama is a leader who will restore American prosperity and leadership in the world.

Barack Obama will wage the war that has to be won. An Obama administration will develop the capabilities and partnerships we need to take out the terrorists that threaten us. But he will also work to rebuild alliances to tackle the security challenges that we face in the 21st century.

And Barack Obama won't forget our brave troops when they return home. He'll strengthen and reform the Veterans Administration, and fully fund healthcare for veterans.

I respectfully ask for your support.

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# How the Electoral College Works

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Each state gets a number of electors equal to its U.S. Congressional representation.

***Alaska has three electors.***

The electors from the state cast the Electoral College vote which ultimately elects the President and Vice-President of the United States.

State law determines how the names of the electors are chosen. In Alaska, each political party selects their electors, equal in number to the state's electoral vote, by the state party convention or in another manner prescribed by the party's bylaws. Third party and independent candidates merely designate their electors.

The names of the electors are submitted to the director of the Division of Elections by September 1st of the presidential election year. Members of Congress and employees of the federal government are prohibited from serving as electors. In Alaska, each elector must “pledge” that as an elector the person will cast his or her electoral vote for the candidate of the party.

When voters go to the polls on Election Day, they are really voting for electors to serve in the Electoral College. The vote marked for the President and Vice-President candidate on the ballot is considered and counted as a vote for the electors of the party. Whichever presidential candidate wins the popular votes in the state wins all the “pledged” votes of the state’s electors. (The two exceptions to this are Maine and Nebraska, where two electors are chosen by statewide popular vote and the remainder by the popular vote within each Congressional district).

On the Monday following the second Wednesday of December (as established in federal law) each state’s electors meet in their respective state’s and cast their electoral votes. Each elector gets one vote. The electoral votes are then sealed and transmitted from each state to the President of the Senate who, on the following January 6, opens and reads them before both houses of Congress.

Currently, there are 538 electors in the nation and the votes of the majority of them - 270 votes - are required to be elected.

# United States Senate

## Mark Begich, Democrat



**AGE:** 46

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Anchorage, Alaska

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Deborah Bonito

**CHILDREN:** Jacob

**OCCUPATION:** 25 year small business owner, real estate agent

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:**  
Mark has lived in Anchorage his entire life except for two years as a child when his father, Nick Begich, was serving in the U.S. Congress.

**EDUCATION:**  
Graduated Steller High School, Anchorage, 1981

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
At age 26, Mark was first elected to the Anchorage Assembly in 1988. He served until 1998; elected Assembly Chair three times by his colleagues. Elected mayor in April 2003; re-elected 2006

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
University of Alaska Board of Regents 2001-2002  
Alaska Commission of Post-Secondary Education 1995-2002, board member; chair 1996-1998  
Alaska Student Loan Corporation 1995-2002; chair 1996-2002

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**  
Spirit of Youth Foundation, Founder  
ASSETS, Former President  
Family Resource Center Former President  
Boys & Girls Club, Former Board of Directors  
Corporate Member of the Association of the United States Army  
Air Force Association, Member  
Making a Difference Program, Founder  
National Rifle Association, Lifetime member

**STATEMENT:**

Dear Alaskan,

Born and raised in Alaska, I care deeply about the issues facing Alaska families. As a husband, father, small businessman and elected official, I understand the pressures Alaska families face today.

As Mayor, I eliminated a \$33 million budget deficit, helped create more than 9,000 jobs, and invested in police, firefighters and schools.

My top priority is to help working families deal with skyrocketing energy costs. We must put an end to market manipulation to lower gas prices. We need responsible oil and gas development that includes building the gasline and a strong push for renewable energy, conservation and energy efficiency.

As your Senator, I will work hard and do what's right for Alaska families. I will stand up for important Alaska issues such as developing ANWR and protecting our gun rights. I will fight for Alaska solutions on important issues:

- Lowering Energy Costs
- Guaranteeing Access To Affordable Health Care
- Creating New Jobs
- Improving Our Education System
- Strengthening National Security
- Taking Care Of Our Seniors

We must support our military families and keep our promises to our veterans who have bravely served this country and fully fund veteran's health care, education and disability benefits, and pensions.

As your Senator, I will be as independent as Alaska and will fight for Alaska families - not special interests. I will provide open, honest and ethical leadership for Alaska in the U.S. Senate.

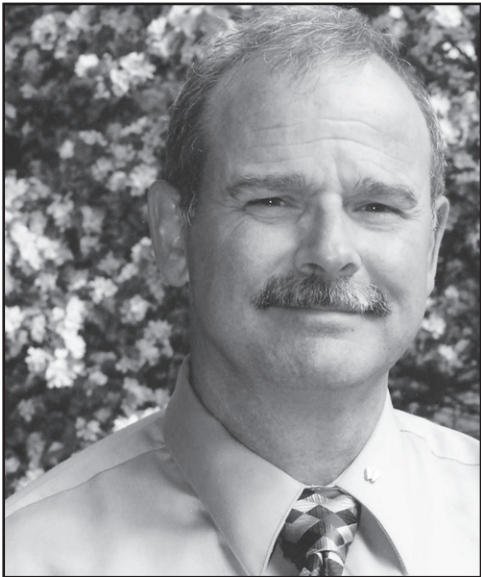
I respectfully ask for your vote on Election Day.

Sincerely,  
Mark Begich

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# United States Senate

## Bob Bird, Alaskan Independence



**AGE:** 57

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Evanston, Illinois

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Rosemary

**CHILDREN:** Mario, Quincy, Elena

**OCCUPATION:** Teacher/Secondary and Collegiate

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 31

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Adak	1977-1978;
Kenai	1978-1994;
Nikiski	1994-present

**EDUCATION:**

Marian Central Catholic High School  
Woodstock, IL - 1969  
Bemidji State, BS, 1974  
Mankato State, MS, 1992

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

U.S. Senate candidate, 1990, Delegate to national political conventions in 1996, 2000 and 2004

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Teacher at Bird Island, MN, 1974-1977;  
Adak, 1977-1978;  
Kenai High School, 1978-1988;  
Nikiski High School, 1988-2008

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Alaska Right to Life, President 1995-1997; Board of Directors to present

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Hunting, fishing, sports broadcasting, hockey & baseball coach

**OTHER (Biographical Information Only):**

Married for 30 years to Rosemary, with three adult children, I have enjoyed being a coach and radio sports broadcaster. However, the most important accomplishments in my life have been serving in the prolife movement and teaching on the secondary and collegiate level.

**STATEMENT:**

The problems disturbing us did not happen overnight. An abandonment of the U.S. Constitution and its limited government philosophy is the source of our trouble. Most elected officials are ignorant of their obligation to the Constitution.

The two major parties will only offer more of the same policies, decorated as something new. People are beginning to understand this trick and I offer authentic change.

The message for Alaskans is simple, and deals with basic principles: "The Constitution and nothing but the Constitution."

The message looks attractive as long as we expect our neighbor to forego entitlements and handouts. It becomes controversial when we learn that it also applies to each of us. Yet freedom is far more desirable than control and dependency from federal programs.

- We must:
- Rein in the federal judiciary and return troublesome social issues to the states.
  - End the following: ethanol subsidies in gasoline; global military actions; and federal control of Alaska's lands. This is part of the solution to lowering prices in food and fuel.
  - Defend America's sovereignty from the threat of global and corporate monopolies.
  - Defy all attempts at gun control.
  - Investigate the IRS, Federal Reserve Bank and all other entities that reduce our human and property rights.

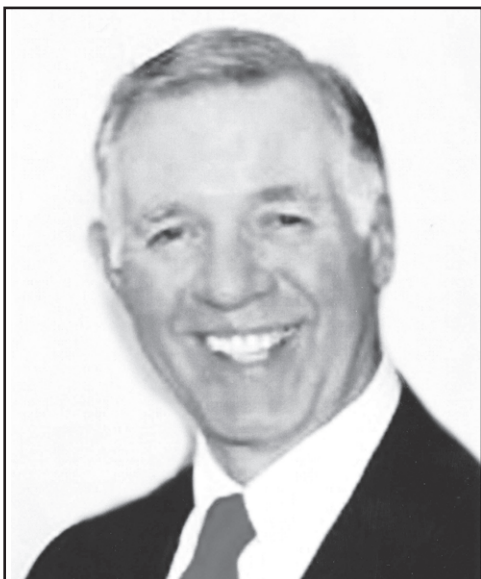
The mistakes have been made for generations; the consequences are with us today; but the solution is at hand: the Constitution and nothing but the Constitution.

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# United States Senate

## Ted Gianoutsos, No Party



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**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Massachusetts

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Francoise

**OCCUPATION:** Retired

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 9 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Anchorage 99 - 08

**EDUCATION:**

Boston University '68, BS/BA

University of Southern California '79, MPA

**MILITARY SERVICE:**

USAF, 61-65, Airman

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Federal, state, and local public servant

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Benefactor member - NRA

Life member - NAS, NWF, IWLA

Founding member - Veterans Party of Alaska  
Founding member - Alaska Veterans Foundation  
Founding Member - Alaska Sea Life Center, Seward  
Life member - Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)  
Charter member - VVA Anchorage Chapter 904  
Co-Founder - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
Lector - Holy Family Cathedral, Anchorage  
4th Degree Knight - K of C, Anchorage

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Hunting, fishing, wildlife, opera, reading

### **OTHER:**

My wife Francoise and I are the only couple in American history to have pushed an entire wildlife Act (the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation) through a divided Congress in 1 year to unanimous passage with 60 cosponsors including 22 chairmen and leaders of both parties. We succeeded because we personified the legislation. We can open ANWR in the same way!

### **STATEMENT:**

I am running for Senator for only one reason, to open ANWR. Nothing else is more important to Alaska's future. I am running for only one term to do one all-important thing for Alaska - open ANWR!

My U.S. Senate campaign is unique in several important ways:

I am the ONLY candidate with a NEW specific legislative and PR strategy that will open ANWR in the most beneficial way for Alaska, America, and wildlife.

I will introduce winning ANWR legislation in which ALL Alaskans can fully participate.

I am on the November 2008 election ballot as a NO-PARTY candidate.

I accept NO money from anyone - I will NOT be beholden to anyone.

My wife Francoise and I are a 45-year team that is uniquely qualified to open ANWR.

We personify both the winning high middle WILDLIFE and OIL grounds on ANWR.

Please visit my Web Site at [www.tedandfran.com](http://www.tedandfran.com) for full details on my candidacy.

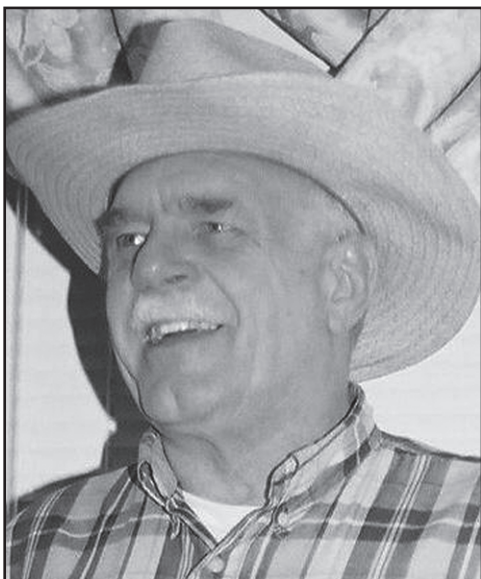
Our Alaska congressional delegation has talked ANWR for decades while they did pork, which benefited them and their families. They could have easily opened ANWR 13 years ago when we put the winning ANWR strategy in their hands. Whether they failed because of ignorance, arrogance, or incompetence, doesn't matter. They failed, and it can't be blamed on anyone other than them.

Enough of all the tired self-serving excuses! No other candidate is better qualified to open ANWR than I am. Elect me, and with your help, we WILL open ANWR!

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# United States Senate

## Fredrick D. "David" Haase, Libertarian



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**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Colorado Springs, Colorado

**CHILDREN:** Shelly Renae Schaffer,  
Ana Moira and  
Kimberly Cathleen Haase

**OCCUPATION:** Part time Real Estate licensee,  
and organic farmer,  
mostly retired

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 14 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Anchorage 1994-2008

**EDUCATION:**  
Willamette HS, Eugene, Oregon 1960, Graduated and  
Certified Commercial Investment Member National  
Association Realtors 1969, Oregon Realtors Institute 1966  
graduation 1970, Graduate Gemologist, Gemological  
Institute America 1993

### MILITARY SERVICE:

Drafted Army 1964, two years food inspector, qualified sharpshooter M-14, honorable discharge 1966 E-5.

Re-enlisted Oregon Army National Guard 1988, qualified Calvary Scout, trained Nuclear Biological Chemical and Medic, qualified M16 expert, E.

Served five years full time Army National Guard Recruiter, Awarded Master Recruiter Badge Army Achievement Medal, served brief tours California.

### BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Served on the board of directors of two public corporations.

### SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Independent Order of Odd Fellows

### SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Current Events, History, Fishing, Hunting, Rocks and Birds.

### OTHER:

Thousands of hours flying my airplane, driving eighteen wheelers, riding horse back, boating and a tractor going in circles.

### STATEMENT:

David will listen to all Alaskans on every issue and legislate what is best for Alaska.

David will work to enforce Habeas Corpus and Posse Comitatus and to repeal the Patriot Act.

David will vote to get the Federal Government out of our children's education and put the locals back in charge.

David will never vote to raise your taxes, never.

David carries a gun and wants you to be able to carry one too.

David will introduce legislation to free non-criminals convicted of drug use from prison.

David will introduce legislation that will save our dropout children and make winners of them all.

David will not be fooled into a war with a ghost he knows the enemy, he has been there and spent the time to understand it.

David will never support earmarks; pork belly and other secret schemes.

David believes strongly in the right to life, but stands up for the mothers right to do as she chooses with that that is hers. God is the judge not the government and the government is not the solution. Government should endeavor to not be part of the problem.

Global warming is why I moved to Alaska (it is a half-full glass getting fuller) coming up, short water routes from Europe to Alaska.

"Universal Health Care" sounds good! I am all for it. How about "Universal Good Health"? Health foods, organic versus chemical treated food. Prevention health education is the solutions that needs to be sought with vigor.

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# United States Senate

## Ted Stevens, Republican



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**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Indianapolis

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Catherine Stevens

**CHILDREN:** Susan, Walter, Beth, Ted,  
Ben and Lily

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 1953-present

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau, Girdwood

**EDUCATION:**  
Redondo High  
UCLA, Bachelor's in political science and economics  
Harvard Law School, L.L.B.

**MILITARY SERVICE:**  
U.S. Army Air Corps, 3 years, First Lieutenant, 2  
Distinguished Flying Crosses,  
2 Air Medals

### **POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

U.S. Attorney, Fairbanks, Legislative Counsel, Assistant to Secretary and Solicitor, U.S. Department of Interior Majority Leader, Alaska State House, United States Senator, Vice-Chairman, Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee  
Member, Senate Appropriations Committee (Co-Chair of Defense Appropriations Subcommittee)  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Committee on Rules and Administration

### **BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Law Practice-1953, 1960-1968, Member: Alaska, California and DC Bar Associations

### **SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

VFW, American Legion, National Rifle Association, Rotary

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Fishing, tennis, reading

### **OTHER:**

IOC Olympic Order, Commonwealth North Hickel Award, Watchdog of the Treasury, Guardian of Small Business, National Guard Eagle Award, Reserve Officers Association, Committee for Education Funding, Alaska Federation of Natives, Mothers against Drunk Driving and others.

### **STATEMENT:**

It is an honor to represent Alaskans in the Senate. I have always worked hard to do what is best for Alaska. I will continue to create economic opportunity, jobs, and a secure future for Alaskan families.

I'm especially pleased to be of service when a government agency is unresponsive to an Alaskan.

Energy prices are much too high. We must increase domestic production, reduce speculation, and encourage alternate energy and conservation. Alaskans have proven that we can have resource development with good jobs and a clean environment.

Alaskans can count on me to move the gas line through the federal permitting process quickly and to continue to fight to open ANWR, the OCS and NPRA in a safe way.

Improving roads, airports, and ports remains essential. I will keep working to bring needed improvements to Alaska.

I have also worked to make our military the best-trained and best-equipped. I will make certain our troops have the tools and modern facilities they need on Alaska's bases. And I will continue to support our veterans.

Alaska health care has dramatically improved. I led the effort to increase Medicare reimbursements and expand Denali KidCare. We now also have new clinics and hospitals, better sanitation, and state-of-the-art telemedicine. But more needs to be done, and I will continue to work to increase health care access for all Alaskans.

I ask for and would appreciate your vote. I pledge to use my experience to continue to serve and protect Alaska in Washington, D.C.

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# United States Representative

## Ethan Berkowitz, Democrat



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**PLACE OF BIRTH:** San Francisco, CA

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Mara Kimmel

**CHILDREN:** Noah 4, Hannah 7

**OCCUPATION:** Business owner, attorney

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 18 years

### EDUCATION:

Harvard College, 1979-1983, A.B., Government and Economics; Cambridge University, 1985-1986, M. Phil., Polar Studies; University of California, Hastings College of Law, 1987-1990, J.D.

### POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

State Representative, 1997-2006 (Democratic Leader, 1999-2006); Assistant District Attorney, Alaska Department of Law; Law Clerk, Alaska State Court of Appeals; Enforcement Officer, U.S. Antarctic Program.

### BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Owner, Alaskan Alternative Energy; Owner, Nunatak, LLC; Partner, EZR Co.; Part Owner, Snow City Café.

### SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Board member: Community in Schools, UAF Vision Task Force. Former board member: Boys & Girls Clubs of Anchorage, Special Olympics Alaska, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation.

### SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Fishing, hockey, travel, reading, family.

### OTHER:

If you have any questions, please contact me at 907-563-8426 or [ethan@ethanberkowitz.com](mailto:ethan@ethanberkowitz.com). I welcome the opportunity to hear your concerns and discuss issues with you.

### STATEMENT:

It's time to put Alaska first. We've seen too much partisanship and too few solutions. It's time to stand up for what's right, to work across party lines, and to get things done for the good of *all* Alaskans.

### ENDING THE ENERGY CRISIS

Soaring gas and home-heating costs threaten families and businesses across Alaska and America. Investments in energy independence — the natural gas pipeline, oil from ANWR and the North Slope, and developing renewable energy — will reduce costs, create jobs, respond to climate change, and strengthen national security.

### GROWING THE ECONOMY

We must develop Alaska's resources on *our* terms and show the discipline to control the national debt. We need to build the infrastructure America needs to compete in a global economy and an educational system that brings out the potential of every student.

### PROVIDING QUALITY HEALTHCARE

Everyone deserves access to quality healthcare and doctors should be paid when they provide it. Small businesses should be allowed to pool for cheaper coverage. We must expand Denali Kid Care, and promote wellness and prevention.

### TAKING CARE OF OUR VETERANS

Congress must ensure that our troops have the equipment they need to defend themselves and protect our freedoms. The Veterans' Administration must have the means to provide top-quality healthcare and rehabilitation. Our heroes deserve nothing less.

I believe in Alaska. It is time for new energy, new vision, and a renewed commitment to the ideals that make America great. Working together, we will move Alaska forward.

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# United States Representative

## Don E. Young, Republican



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**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Meridian, CA

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Lu Young

**CHILDREN:** Joni, Dawn  
Fourteen grandchildren

**OCCUPATION:** U.S. Representative

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 48 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Fort Yukon 1960-Present  
Anchorage 1959-60

**EDUCATION:**  
Sutter High School, 1947-51, Diploma; Yuba Junior College, 1951-52, AA; Chico State College, 1952-53, 1957-58, BA

**MILITARY SERVICE:**  
U.S. Army (41<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion) 1955-57, Private First Class

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

U.S. House of Representatives, 1973-present; Alaska State Senate, 1970-73; Alaska State House 1966-70; Mayor, Fort Yukon, 1964-66; City Council, Fort Yukon, 1960-64

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Alaska Executive Board, National Education Society, 1963-67; Board Member, National Rifle Association

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Elks, Lions, Masons, Shriners, Fort Yukon Mushers Association

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Hunting, fishing, trapping, gun collecting

**STATEMENT:**

It has been an honor to serve you in the U.S. House of Representatives these past 35 years.

Because of your support we have accomplished numerous important projects for our State - the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, new roads, bridges, and ports, medical and clean water facilities in rural areas, a strong military presence, and thousands of new jobs throughout Alaska.

Your continued support has enabled me to serve in top leadership positions, including as Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee where I was able to pass laws to expand our economy and secure numerous projects requested by individual communities throughout Alaska.

There are 435 Members in Congress and as Alaska's only representative I believe it is my job to represent your needs in Washington, D.C..

During the past year, a lot has been written and speculated about my legal expenses. I can assure you that I love my family, the office I serve, and Alaska too much to intentionally and willfully bring any discredit or dishonor.

Working with the federal government requires legal representation, which in turn comes with both a dollar cost and an agreement not to discuss that in public. This is frustrating for me as I have always been known to speak my mind and be forthright and forthcoming.

Alaska's future is one of unlimited potential. By managing our resources wisely, we can provide for a healthy environment and a diverse economy - both for ourselves and future generations.

I ask for your continued support.

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# House District 37

## Ron L. Bowers, Republican



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**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Altoona, PA

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Katie Marie Bowers

**CHILDREN:** Iris Janelle Bowers

**OCCUPATION:** BLS Instructor/Medevac Escort

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 29 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Elmendorf AFB	7/79 - 6/81
Anchorage-Port Graham	7/81 - 6/83
Dillingham	6/83 - 12/83 & 1/92 - 7/08
Chignik	12/83 - 1/92

**EDUCATION:**  
Spokane Falls Comm. College 1977, Tennessee Temple Univ. 82-83, Anchorage Comm. College 1980 No Degree

**MILITARY SERVICE:**  
U.S. Air Force, E-5 Sergeant, 4 years

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Chignik City Council/Dillingham City Council

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
EMT-III/ACEMS

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**  
Dillingham Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Dillingham Moravian Church

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Fire/EMS Issues, Church Youth Worker

### STATEMENT:

I have lived and worked for 25 years throughout HD 37, giving me a unique working knowledge of this vast region.

I believe the high cost of energy is our district's number one challenge. I support state assistance for all Alaskans in meeting the high cost of energy, putting funds in citizen's pockets.

As a legislator I would push for the creation of economic disaster zones in hard pressed rural areas. I would support scholarships and low interest loans for residents of these regions to attend college or trade schools. I would support no or low interest loans to residents in these zones to purchase fishing quotas, gear or equipment and other business investments.

I support subsistence activities and fisheries enhancement. I also support new economic development in our region, including enhanced ferryboat service, gas and oil exploration in the North Aleutian Basin. I support a strong oil & gas industry in our region with a caveat of local hire and community involvement where and whenever possible.

I will promote alternative energy projects both in the private and public sector.

As a Legislator I would support increased funding for the Alaska Marine Highway in our region with increased ferryboat service. I support this much needed service as a way to enhance our communities in their struggle with rising transportation costs. I will support other regional transportation projects such as the Aleknagik and Naknek bridges, the Chignik Intertie and King Cove-Cold Bay roads, Akutan and Dutch Harbor airport construction and improvements.

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# House District 37

## Bryce Edgmon, Democrat



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**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Dillingham

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Melody

**CHILDREN:** Evan

**OCCUPATION:** Legislator

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 47 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Dillingham, Anchorage, and Juneau

**EDUCATION:**  
Dillingham High School  
University of Alaska-Anchorage, B.B.A.

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
State Representative; House Resources Committee;  
House Fisheries Committee; Education Budget  
Subcommittee; Fish & Game Budget Subcommittee;  
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

### **BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Chairman, Choggiung Village Corporation

### **SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Rural Cap Board of Directors

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Family time, music, subsistence activities, snow machin-  
ing with my son

### **STATEMENT:**

It has been my privilege to represent you in the legislature these past two years. Together we've accomplished many objectives important to Southwest Alaska. However, with surplus oil dollars in the state's treasury, and two years under my belt, we can do even more. With your help I will return to Juneau to work on the issues important to our district.

#### Energy

The soaring cost of energy is crippling our communities. As such I support sharing our oil windfall with Alaskans while we transition to cheaper sources of energy. I will also work hard to promote long-term sources of power such as geothermal, hydro and wind.

#### Education

The legislature has made great strides in providing more funding for K-12 education, but it needs to do more and in particular, in the area of early education. I'm fully behind the effort to create more voc/ed opportunities for the region as we prepare for the huge workforce needed for the gasline.

#### Health Care

Quality health care services provided at the local level will be a priority of mine.

#### Fisheries

I support full funding for the Department of Fish & Game on behalf of our commercial, sport and subsistence resources.

#### Marine Highway System

I will work hard to get the twice-a-month ferry schedule for Southwest Alaska reinstated.

#### Pebble Mine

I will continue to ask the tough questions in support of our renewable resources and subsistence way of life.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

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United States Senator (vote for one)			
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# House District 38

## Bob Herron, Democrat



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**AGE:** 57

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** La Grande, OR

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Margaret  
(marriage of 28 years)

**CHILDREN:** Buddy, Charles, Jalene & our  
three grandchildren

**OCCUPATION:**  
Public Relations Director, Yukon Kuskokwim Health  
Corporation

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 40 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Fairbanks	1968-1972
Military service	1973-1977
Bethel	(home of record-Bethel) 1978-present

**EDUCATION:**  
High School diploma

**MILITARY SERVICE:**  
United States Marine corps 1973-1977, E-5 Sergeant,  
computer programmer

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Bethel Planning Commission, Bethel Port Commission  
Alaska Legislature legislative aide, 1987-1994; Lower  
Kuskokwim School District Board (elected), 1992-2002  
Bethel City Manager, 1998-2005; Alaska Congressional  
Delegation - Bethel office - 2005-2007; Bethel Advisory  
School Board (elected), 2007-present

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Bethel Cablevision, owner/general manager  
North Star Gas, owner  
Bethel Drilling & Welding, owner  
Golden Eagle LLC, owner  
Blue Sky Estates, owner  
Alaska Public Entities Insurance, director

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**  
VFW Post #10041, Life Member

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Family, Boating on the Kuskokwim River and working on  
the cabin at Napaimute; Long-distance motorcycle riding.

**STATEMENT:**

Our strength in western Alaska comes from the land and its people. We have a tremendous resource with the tribal entities in our communities, and the State of Alaska must recognize and utilize this important form of local authority. The best government is the government that is closest to the people, and I will continue to listen and learn from our community leaders.

Without a doubt, the number one issue facing all of us living in western Alaska is the high cost of fuel products. Alaska has the wealth and capacity to help its citizens through a short-term solution with direct payments of energy dividends to the people. We must also seek a long-term solution by investing in viable, alternative energy infrastructures to create energy independence and economic opportunities for our region.

One of the many reasons most of us choose to live in the Y-K Delta is because of the benefits that the land and water provide, and it is very important to protect and preserve the land and water for our children.

Our families' subsistence rights to fish and game must not diminish or be threatened by outside interests. We must therefore recognize and carefully consider economic development possibilities that come our way and find a balance that will ensure a prosperous life for future generations and us.

I will work for you. I respectfully request your vote.

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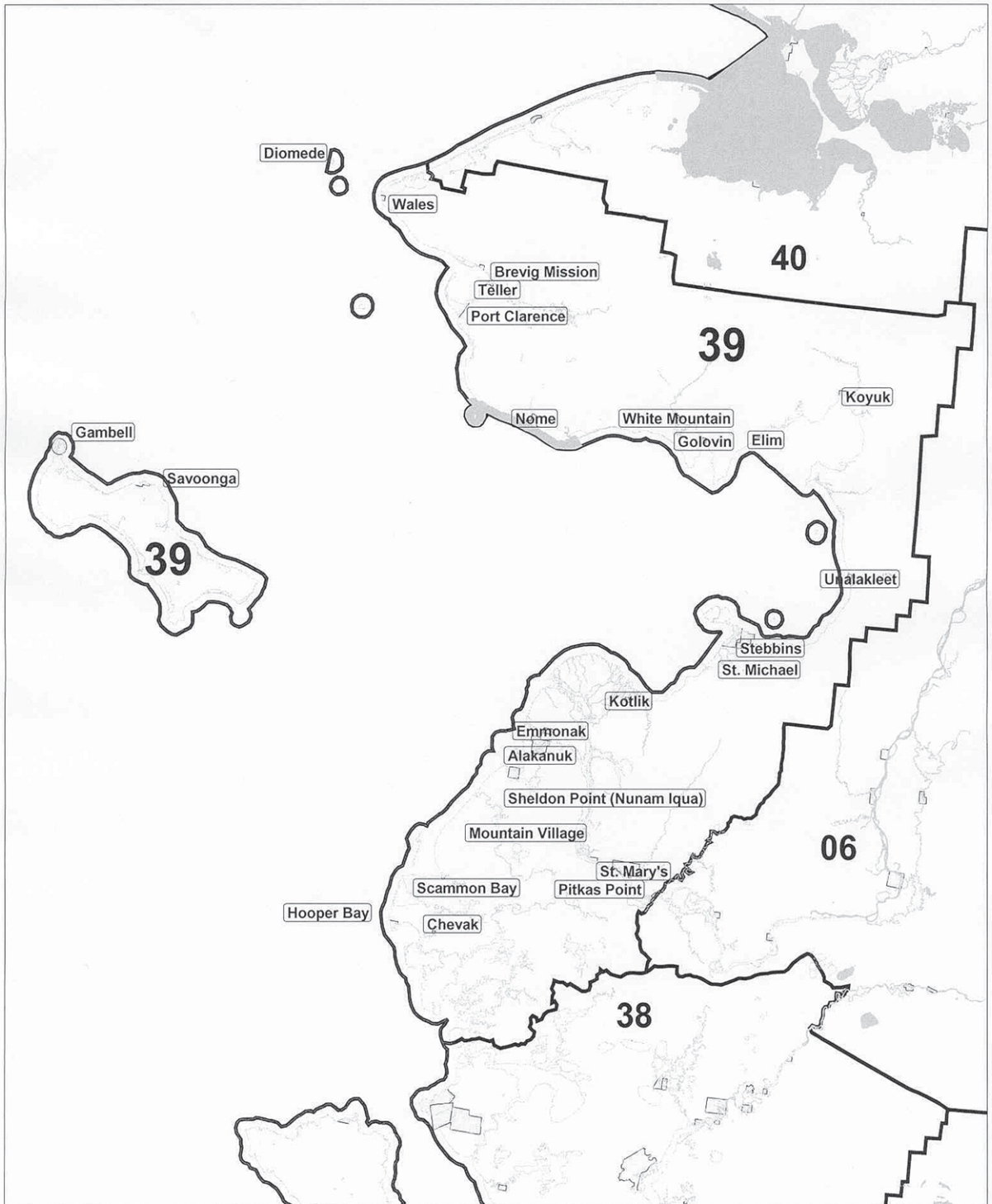


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## District 39

Amended Final Redistricting Plan


April 25, 2002







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<input type="radio"/> Haase, Fredrick D. "David" Libertarian	<b>State Representative District 39</b> (vote for one)
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# Senate District T

## Donald “Donny” C. Olson, Democrat



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Golovin, AK

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Nome, AK 99762

**AGE:** 55

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Nome, AK

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Willow

**CHILDREN:** Colby, Martin and Donald Jr.

**OCCUPATION:** Doctor, Pilot, Reindeer owner  
& herder, Businessman,  
Senator

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 55 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Golovin, Nome, Unalakleet, Barrow, Kotzebue, White Mountain, Bethel

**EDUCATION:**  
Various flight schools to achieve: Airline Transport Pilot License, Commercial License, Airplane & Helicopters, Airframe & Power Plant Mechanics License, Inspector Authorization. Seattle Pacific College, University of Minnesota, Duluth; B.A. Chemistry. University of Alaska, Fairbanks, University of North Dakota School of Medicine, Oral Roberts University School of Medicine; M.D. University of Colorado School of Law, Cambridge University, Cambridge England.

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Alaska State Senate: 2001-present  
Alaska State Medical Board: 1995-2001

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Family, flying, wood turning, polar exploration, ivory carving, reindeer herding, aviation collectables, reading.

**STATEMENT:**

I have a variety of experiences that uniquely connect me with the residents of Senate District “T” and give rural Alaska a strong voice in Juneau. I have been privileged to serve as your Senator these past 8 years. I have the compassion to serve people, make tough decisions, and the business sense to balance financial matters. My home is Golovin, centrally located in our district so I share the common experiences of rural living and have represented the concerns of the people while serving on the Senate finance Committee and chairing the Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

Two of my bills that I am particularly proud of restored municipal revenue sharing to our communities and senior care assistance to the elderly. Both bills have far reaching effects throughout the state and will benefit our district immensely. In an effort to improve rural law enforcement as chair of the VPSO Task Force I successfully secured 15 new positions and approval to raise VPSO salaries.

I will continue to work on these important issues such as: the **Permanent Fund** is exactly that - Permanent; **education** must include skills useful to rural living, and be funded at its highest level; **gas line and economic development** begins with local hire benefiting families and communities; **subsistence** is a way of life to be protected.

The senator who is able to meet the challenges for rural Alaska must have an understanding of the people, and a clear plan for the future. That person is Donny Olson.

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# House District 39

## Richard Foster, Democrat



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**AGE:** 62

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Nome, AK

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Cathryn Foster

**CHILDREN:** Neal, James, Myria, Justin,  
Tiffany, Richard, Nathan,  
Ramsey, Chandler

**OCCUPATION:** Air Taxi-Retired

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** Lifelong

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Nome 1946 to present

**EDUCATION:**  
High School: Nome High School, 1964  
College: University of Alaska, 1968 B.B.A.

**MILITARY SERVICE:**  
U.S. Army, Captain, 3 years  
Service Awards: Vietnam Service Medal (2 tours)  
Bronze Star Medal, 2 Army Commendation Medals

### **POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Alaska House of Representatives 1989-Present; Chairman, House Transportation Committee, 5years; Majority Whip, 1990-Present; Member/former Co-Chair Finance Committee 1992-Present; House Seniority Rank: #1

### **BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Former Board Member, Sitnasuak Native Corporation, Bering Straits Native Corporation, and Nome Eskimo Community (IRA Council)

### **SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Former Board member Nome Community Center, Norton Sound Health Corporation, NW Campus, Nome School Board, Nome City Council

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Raising children, music, enjoying the country.

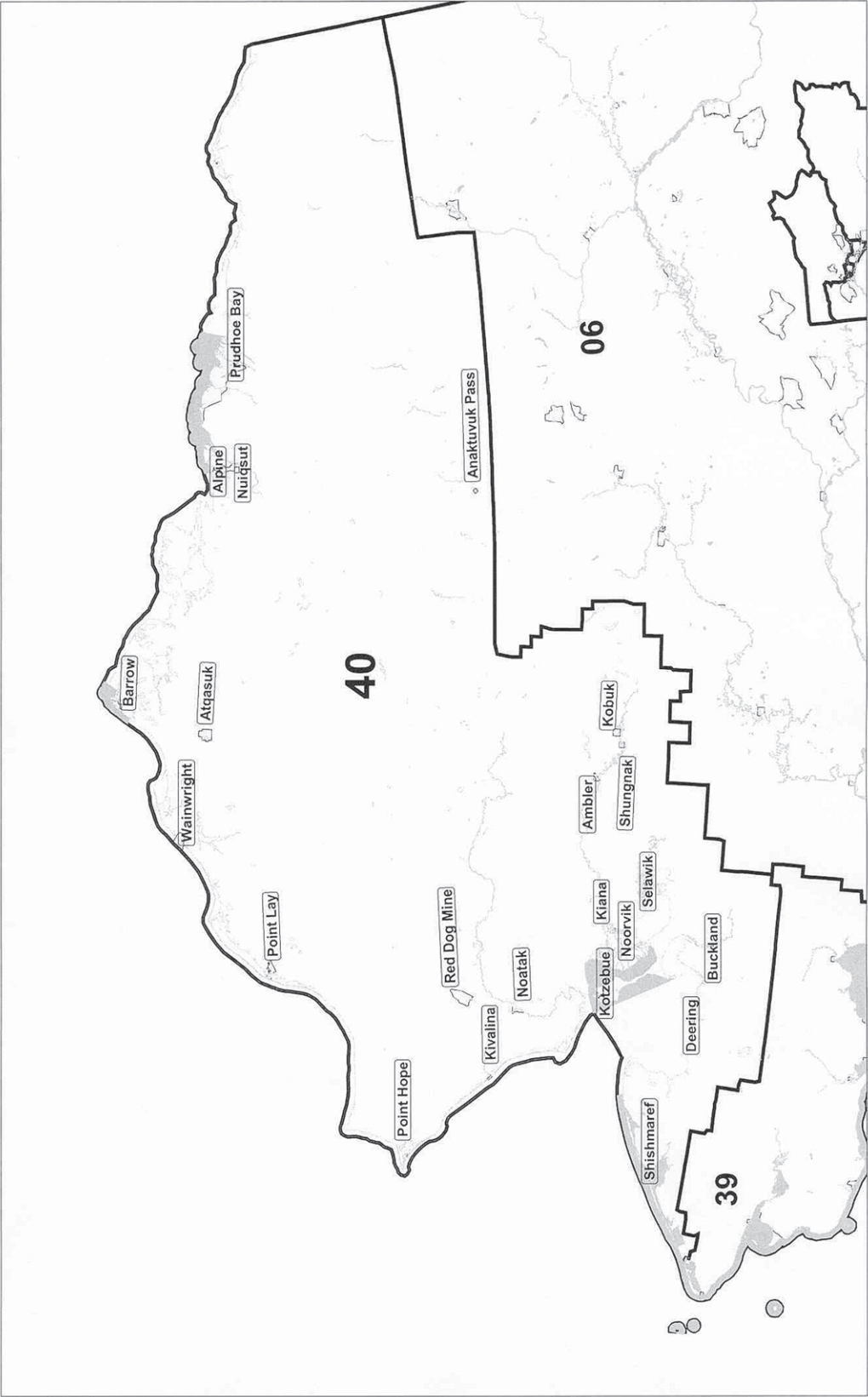
### **STATEMENT:**

I was born and raised in a territory free of the many restrictions and regulations governing our lives today. Yet, I also remember the limited educational opportunities for our children, restricted number of jobs, and the total lack of assistance to our elders, which the state has partially remedied. There are few areas in the United States where it is as expensive to live or where the unemployment rate is so high as in our area of Alaska. I strongly believe that the long-term solutions lie in the rational and responsible development of our natural resources; minerals and fishing, coupled with developing renewable energy sources. In this regard, the role of Native corporation lands will emerge as a bright hope for our rural future. I will work hard toward representing you and I thank you sincerely for your support.

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<b>United States Senator (vote for one)</b>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in
<input type="radio"/> Stevens, Ted Republican	<b>State Representative District 40 (vote for one)</b>
<input type="radio"/> Begich, Mark Democrat	<input type="radio"/> Joule, Reggie Democrat
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<input type="radio"/> Gianoutsos, Ted Not Affiliated	
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# House District 40

## Reggie Joule, Democrat



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**AGE:** 56

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Nome, Ak

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Linda C. Joule

**CHILDREN:** Lovisa, Reggie III, Angela,  
Dawn and Puyuk  
Grandchildren: Reginald IV,  
Devon, Kyle, and Cecelia

**OCCUPATION:** Legislator

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 56 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
St. Michaels', Deering and Kotzebue

**EDUCATION:**  
Copper Valley High School - 1970, UAF 1970-1972

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
State House of Representatives since 1996  
House Finance Committee and Legislative Budget and  
Audit Committee (alternate member)

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**  
Alaska Sports Hall of Fame Board member

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Family, Home, reading and subsistence activities

**STATEMENT:**

Over the last 12 years, as your Representative for House District 40, my focus has been on building bridges of understanding about our district and the rest of rural Alaska with other members of the Legislature. Many of you have helped tremendously in that effort, and I thank you, our efforts are making a difference.

Rural Alaska is faced with some huge challenges mainly as a result of sharp increases in heating and electric rates. The legislature will work to address this challenge on two fronts, short term and long term in the coming session. Now that in-state use of our gas resources is closer to becoming a reality for both the Cook Inlet and much of roadway Interior, we must be poised to look at both renewable and alternative energy sources for rural areas as well. As an integral part of the energy discussion we have to begin discussions of the long term sustainability of rural Alaska. While this will be a difficult discussion it is essential for purposes of planning and adapting for our future.

Once again elections are upon us and the ballots are full of choices; from the President of the United States, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congressman, State Senator District T, and Representative for House District 40. Although I do not have an opponent, I once again ask for your vote and thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative.

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# Bond Proposition

Vote!  
November 4





**State of Alaska Official Ballot**  
**General Election**  
**November 4, 2008**

**Instructions:** To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice, like this: ☒

**Bonding Proposition A**

State General Obligation Transportation Project Bonds  
\$315,050,000  
(Ch. 30, SLA 2008)

**Bonding Proposition A**

Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not more than \$315,050,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of state transportation projects?

☐ Bonds Yes

☐ Bonds No

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# Bonding Proposition A

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## State General Obligation Transportation Project Bonds

(Chapter 30, Session Laws of Alaska 2008)

Providing for and relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of state transportation projects; and providing for an effective date.

**Ballot Question**

Shall the State of Alaska issue its general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not more than \$315,050,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of state transportation projects?

Bonds    Yes [    ]                      Bonds No [    ]

**Votes Cast By Members Of The 25<sup>th</sup> Alaska Legislature On Final Passage**

Senate:    Yeas            **16**                      Nays            **4**

House:     Yeas            **24**                      Nays            **16**

**Legislative Affairs Agency Summary**

The voters are asked if the state should issue bonds. The bonds will be used for transportation projects. The projects are listed. The total amount of the bonds will be \$315,050,000.

**Statement of Scope**

This bond proposition, if approved, would provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State in the amount of not more than \$315,050,000 to pay the costs of the following projects:

**Project List**

The amount of \$271,700,000 is appropriated from the 2008 transportation project fund to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to be allocated among the following projects in the amounts listed subject to reallocation between projects in accordance with AS 37.07.080(e):

Project	Amount
Sawmill Creek Road Upgrade Phase III with Separated Pedestrian Path – Whale Park to Sawmill Creek	\$ 10,800,000
Mitkof Highway – Scow Bay to Crystal Lake Hatchery Road: Pavement Rehabilitation and Drainage Improvements	7,000,000
Glacier Highway – Back Loop Road: Intersection Safety Improvements	5,000,000
North Tongass Highway – Ward Cove To Refuge Cove: Pavement Rehabilitation and Drainage Improvements	8,900,000
Aleknagik – Wood River Bridge	20,000,000
Fairbanks – University Avenue Widening	30,000,000

Anchorage: Connect Anchorage Project (Dowling Road – Old Seward Highway to Minnesota Drive)	22,100,000
Dalton Highway Improvements	14,000,000
Kenai Peninsula Borough Road Projects	8,000,000
Nome: Snake River Bridge Replacement	10,000,000
Parks Highway: Weight Restriction Elimination	15,000,000
Seward Highway: Windy Corner Safety Improvements	20,000,000
Steese Highway/Johansen Expressway Area Traffic Improvements	15,000,000
Sterling Highway: Mackey Lake Road to Sterling Rehabilitation	11,000,000
Glenn Highway: MP 181 to 189 Tolsona Lake Road to Richardson Highway Junction Rehabilitate and Resurface, including Bikeway	13,000,000
Craig-Klawock Highway: Resurfacing of Craig-Klawock Section	4,800,000
Copper River Highway: Mile 38 – 43 Highway Protection	5,100,000
Ketchikan: Harriet Hunt Lake to Shelter Cove, Road Construction	10,000,000
Fairview Loop Road Reconstruction	22,000,000
Statewide: Emergency Bridge Repair	20,000,000

The amount of \$43,350,000 is appropriated from the 2008 transportation project fund to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to be awarded as grants under AS 37.05.315 to recipients for projects as follows:

Project	Amount
Municipality of Anchorage: Expansion of the Port of Anchorage	\$10,000,000
Municipality of Anchorage: Victor Road – Dimond Boulevard to 100 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Upgrade	14,000,000
City of Wrangell: Heritage Harbor Reconstruction Phase II	5,000,000
City of Bethel: Road repairs and upgrades	2,500,000
Kodiak Island Borough: Road service area rehabilitation and paving	2,500,000
City of Ouzinkie: Dock replacement	2,850,000
City of Old Harbor: Dock replacement	4,000,000
City of Emmonak: Road improvements	2,500,000

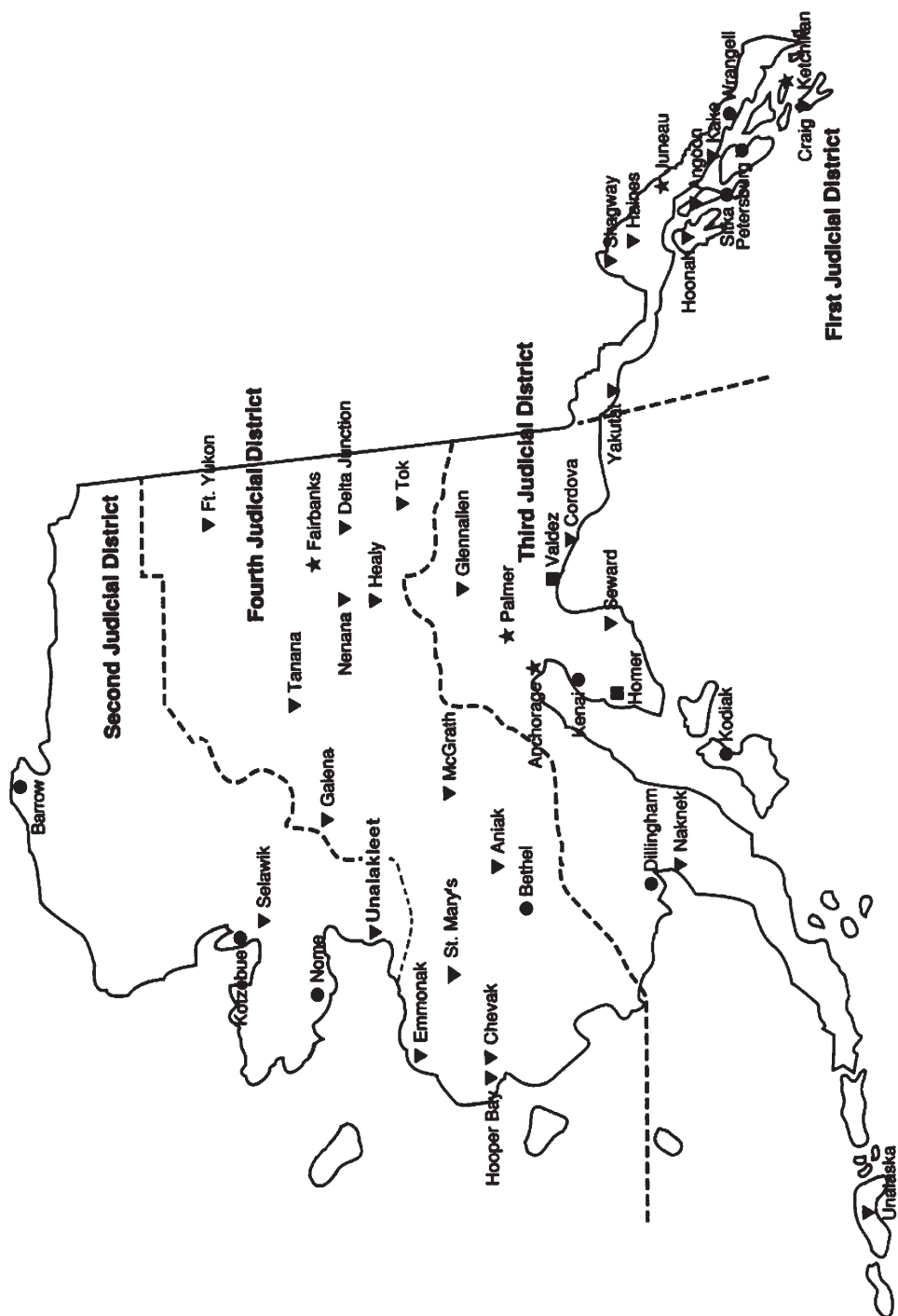
# Judicial Retention Candidates

Vote!  
November 4

# ALASKA COURT LOCATIONS

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# Judicial Retention Candidates

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Alaska has four judicial districts. This pamphlet contains information for judicial retention candidates appearing on the ballots for House Districts 37-40 (Election Region IV).

The following information can be used to determine which judicial retention candidates will appear on the ballots for House Districts 37-40.

Judicial Retention Candidates	Ballots Appearing On
Alaska Supreme Court Court of Appeals	All ballots statewide
Third Judicial District	All ballots in House District 37
Fourth Judicial District	All ballots in House District 38
Second Judicial District Fourth Judicial District Fourth Judicial District Fourth Judicial District Fourth Judicial District Fourth Judicial District Fourth Judicial District Fourth Judicial District Fourth Judicial District Fourth Judicial District Fourth Judicial District	All ballots in House Districts 39 - 40, except 39-900 Alakanuk 39-904 Chevak 39-910 Emmonak 39-916 Hooper Bay 39-918 Kotlik 39-922 Mountain Village 39-928 Nunam Iqua 39-930 Pilot Station 39-932 Pitka's Point 39-936 Scammon Bay 39-940 St. Mary's

If you need to find out which house district and precinct you are registered in, you can look on your voter registration card or at the mailing label of this pamphlet.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE	COURT OF APPEALS
Judge Robert L. Eastaugh	Judge Robert G. Coats
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT No judges up for retention in 2008	
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT	
Superior Court Judge	District Court Judge
Judge Craig F. Stowers	Judge Pat Hanley
	Judge Margaret L. Murphy
	Judge Daniel Schally
	Judge Alex M. Swiderski
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	
Superior Court Judge	District Court Judge
Judge Robert B. Downes	Judge Dennis P. Cummings
	Judge Raymond Funk

By law, voters are allowed to decide if judges should be retained. Each judge in Alaska is subject to a retention election after a certain number of years on the bench. The number of years between retention elections depends upon the court in which the judge sits.

- Supreme Court Justices:** Voters decide if a judge should be retained for ten years.
- Court of Appeals:** Voters decide if a judge should be retained for eight years.
- Superior Court:** Voters decide if a judge should be retained for six years.
- District Court:** Voters decide if a judge should be retained for four years.





# Alaska Judicial Evaluation and Retention System

[www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)



Alaskans choose their judges through a merit selection system and vote every few years on whether to keep them on the bench. The system assures that judges remain non-partisan and accountable to the public. The constitution requires that the Alaska Judicial Council nominate only the best-qualified people to the Governor for appointment to judgeships, and the state laws require that the Judicial Council evaluate each judge standing for retention elections. State law also requires that the Judicial Council publish its evaluations in the Voters' Pamphlet. The evaluations of judges standing in the November 2008 election appear on the following pages. Each judge also may pay for a page of biographical information that he or she prepares.

## Judicial Evaluation Procedures

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on a number of criteria that include legal ability, demeanor, diligence, ability to manage their caseloads, and fairness and integrity. The Council evaluates judges with the help of thousands of Alaska citizens — police and probation officers, attorneys, jurors, court employees, social workers and others who appear in court before the judges. In 2008, the Council surveyed these groups, asked for written and oral comments from the public throughout the state, and reviewed records about judges' workloads, conflicts of interest, and other aspects of performance.

**Summary of Alaska Judicial Council Recommendations - In 2008 the Judicial Council evaluated ten trial court judges, one supreme court justice and one court of appeals judge. The Council found that eleven judges were QUALIFIED and recommends that voters retain them as judges. The Council found that Judge Dennis P. Cummings was UNQUALIFIED and recommends that voters not retain him as a judge.**

**Surveys** - The Judicial Council surveyed all active members of the Alaska Bar Association, and all peace and probation officers in the state. In 2008, the Council sent surveys to 2,884 attorneys and 1,539 peace and probation officers. An independent contractor handled the surveys for the Judicial Council, to assure objectivity in the findings. Questions on the surveys asked about judges' legal abilities, fairness, integrity, temperament, diligence and overall performance. Similar surveys went to social workers and citizens who participated in helping Alaska's children in court as guardians ad litem and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers. The Council asked jurors who had served on cases with the judges to comment on the judges' abilities to handle the trials fairly and capably. Court employees also received surveys to rate the judges.

**Judge and Counsel Questionnaires** - Each judge standing for retention returned a self-evaluation questionnaire to the Judicial Council. The questionnaire included lists of recent cases that the judge believed were important for evaluation, with an emphasis on jury and non-jury trials. The Council asked each attorney in each case to fill out an additional survey about the judge's performance in that particular case, including detailed comments about the judge's abilities.

**Other Records** - Council staff reviewed a series of other public records, including conflict of interest annual statements filed with the Alaska Public Offices Commission and separate forms filed with the court system; court case files; Commission on Judicial Conduct public files; and a report on any withheld salary warrants. The Council also reviewed performance related court data, such as the number of peremptory challenges filed against a judge and the number of reversals on appeal. The Council looked at performance related data carefully, because a judge's caseload type or location may play a major part in the numbers of challenges or appeals and reversals. For example, an Anchorage judge assigned 800 civil cases in one year may receive more challenges (and possibly more appellate reversals) than a rural area judge assigned a mixed caseload of 500 civil and criminal cases. The Alaska Judicial Observers, an independent group of community-based volunteer court observers, provided information to the Council about the retention judges in Anchorage who they had evaluated.

**Public Hearings and Comment** - The Council held statewide public hearings for all judges standing for retention, using the legislature's teleconference network and public meeting rooms. Statewide newspaper ads encouraged public participation. Public hearings gave citizens a valuable opportunity to speak out about their experiences with judges. They also provided a forum in which citizens could hear the opinions of others.

**Investigation** - Council staff investigated specific cases, listened to court proceedings, and interviewed judges, attorneys, court staff, and others.

**Other Publicity and Input** - The Council widely publicized the evaluation process and solicited comments about judges on its website. The Council balanced all the information it received from its many sources.

## **Results of Evaluations**

Evaluation information for each retention judge appears on the following pages. Summaries of the attorney, peace and probation officer, juror, social worker and court employee survey scores are provided. The Alaska Judicial Observers evaluation, where available, also is summarized. Summaries of survey results are shown in tables. Survey ratings are on a five-point scale with “5” as the highest score, “1” as the least favorable score, and “3” as acceptable. The Council’s Internet web pages contain survey results and performance information about each judge on the ballot this fall. (<http://www.ajc.state.ak.us>)

## **Judicial Council Members**

Alaska’s constitution establishes the membership of the Judicial Council as three non-attorney members appointed by the Governor, three attorney members appointed by the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alaska who serves, *ex officio*, as chair. (The Chief Justice only votes when his or her vote can affect an outcome.) The Constitution provides that all appointments be made with “due consideration to area representation and without regard to political affiliation.” A majority of both houses of the Legislature must confirm the non-attorney appointments, while the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association appoints the attorney members after conducting advisory elections among bar members within local judicial districts. Members serve six-year staggered terms. They receive no financial compensation for their work other than reimbursement for travel expenses.

Dana Fabe was chair of the Judicial Council when the Council conducted its evaluation and made its retention recommendations, by virtue of her position as Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court. Justice Fabe was appointed to the supreme court in 1996. Before her appointment, she had served as a superior court judge. (Term: 2006 - 2009)

James H. Cannon is an attorney member from Fairbanks. Mr. Cannon is in private practice in Fairbanks. He previously served as a public defender in Fairbanks from 1980-2005. He has practiced law since 1975. (Term: 2006-2012)

Bill Gordon is a non-attorney member from Fairbanks. He is a lifelong Alaskan who served as Executive Assistant to Governor Hammond, served as chair of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board, and is a semi-retired consultant and part owner of public water and wastewater companies in interior Alaska. (Term: 2003 - 2009)

Louis James Menendez is an attorney member from Juneau. Mr. Menendez is in private practice in Juneau. (Term: 2007 - 2010)

Kevin Fitzgerald is an attorney member from Anchorage. He is a partner in Ingaldson, Maassen & Fitzgerald. (Term: 2008 - 2014)

Christena Williams is a non-attorney member from Ketchikan. She is a third generation Alaskan and newspaper co-publisher. She and her family own and operate Pioneer Printing Co., Inc. and the Ketchikan Daily News. (Term: 2005 - 2011)

At the time the Council made its recommendations, one non-attorney member position was vacant.

**See [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us) for detailed judicial evaluation information.**



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Supreme Court	Third Judicial District District Court
Justice Eastaugh Shall Robert L. Eastaugh be retained as justice of the supreme court for ten years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Judge Schally Shall Daniel Schally be retained as judge of the district court for four years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Court of Appeals	Judge Swiderski
Judge Coats Shall Robert G. Coats be retained as judge of the court of appeals for eight years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Shall Alex M. Swiderski be retained as judge of the district court for four years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Third Judicial District Superior Court	Fourth Judicial District Superior Court
Judge Stowers Shall Craig F. Stowers be retained as judge of the superior court for six years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Judge Downes Shall Robert B. Downes be retained as judge of the superior court for six years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Third Judicial District District Court	Fourth Judicial District District Court
Judge Hanley Shall J. Patrick Hanley be retained as judge of the district court for four years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Judge Cummings Shall Dennis P. Cummings be retained as judge of the district court for four years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Judge Murphy Shall Margaret L. Murphy be retained as judge of the district court for four years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Judge Funk Shall Raymond M. Funk be retained as judge of the district court for four years? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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# Supreme Court Justice

## Robert L. Eastaugh



**MAILING ADDRESS:** 303 K St. #500  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**AGE:** 64

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Seattle

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Suzanne Dvorak

**CHILDREN:** Carol (33), John (28)

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 62 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Juneau 1946-1969  
Anchorage 1969-present

**EDUCATION:**  
Juneau Douglas High School, 1957-1961, diploma;  
Yale University, 1965-1968, B.A.; University of Michigan  
Law School, 1965-1968, J.D.

**MILITARY SERVICE:**  
Army National Guard, transferred to Air National Guard;  
1968-1975; Captain

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Assistant Attorney General 1968-1969  
Assistant District Attorney 1969-1972  
Alaska Supreme Court Justice, 1994-present

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Private practice Delaney, Wiles, Hayes, Reitman & Brubaker, Inc. law firm (1972-1994); Bar examiner (early 1980's); Co-chair, Alaska Supreme Court Fairness and Access Committee (1998-present); Member, Supreme Court Appellate Rules Committee (1985-present); Charter member, Ninth Circuit local rules advisory committee (1983-1992); Chair of committee that revised court system's anti-harassment personnel rules

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**  
Alaska Bar Association, American Judicature Society

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Minority access, writing, sports, reading, photography

**STATEMENT:**

It has been my privilege to serve on the Alaska Supreme Court since Governor Hickel appointed me in 1994. Each day brings fresh and intellectually challenging cases. I have worked hard to be the best justice I can. This means remaining impartial and open to the parties' arguments and the other justices' analyses. It means untangling and deciding the issues as the law requires, without regard to personal views on social or political ramifications of the issues. It means working hard to make my opinions clear and easily understood.

I have deep roots in Alaska and great regard for Alaska and its people. My father's father came to Nome as a mining engineer in 1900. My father was a lawyer and a territorial legislator. My mother's father began practicing law in Juneau nearly 100 years ago and was a constitutional delegate.

I have two particular interests: (1) making sure that race and ethnicity do not disadvantage anyone in the justice system; and (2) reducing delay on appeal. As to the first, I have been co-chair of the court's Fairness and Access Committee since 1998. As to the second, the court has adopted a number of my suggestions that significantly speed up appellate decision-making. We need to continue that improvement, without compromising decisional quality.

I hope voters will allow me to continue to serve.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Justice Robert L. Eastaugh, Alaska Supreme Court

### Judicial Council Recommendation

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on criteria that include legal ability, demeanor, diligence, ability to manage their caseloads, and fairness and integrity. The Judicial Council finds Justice Eastaugh to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote “YES” to retain him as a supreme court justice.

### Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed 2,884 attorneys together with court employees about the appellate judges on the ballot. Respondents were asked to rate judicial performance and to submit comments. The Council reviewed court system records concerning any civil or criminal litigation involving the judge; APOC and court system conflict-of-interest statements; any public disciplinary files; and whether a judge’s pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, court staff, and others, and held a statewide public hearing to obtain comments about judges.

	Attorney Survey	Court Employee Survey
Legal Ability	4.5	---
Impartiality	4.4	4.6
Integrity	4.6	4.7
Temperament	4.5	4.2
Diligence	4.5	4.6
Overall	4.5	4.5

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is “acceptable.”

#### Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent  
4.0 = Good  
3.0 = Acceptable  
2.0 = Deficient  
1.0 = Poor

### Summary of Survey Information

Attorneys in Alaska rated Justice Eastaugh on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Justice Eastaugh on overall performance was 4.5.

Court employees gave Justice Eastaugh a 4.5 on overall performance.

**Recommendation: Vote “YES” to retain Justice Robert L. Eastaugh**

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# Court of Appeals Judge

## Robert G. Coats



**MAILING ADDRESS:** 303 K. Street, Room #422  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**AGE:** 65

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Spokane, Washington

**CHILDREN:** Emily - age 30, Alex - age 22

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 40 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

1968-1972	Fairbanks
1972-1973	Kenai
1973-1980	Fairbanks
1980 to present	Anchorage

**EDUCATION:**

1957-1961 Lewis and Clark High School, Spokane, Washington; 1961-1965 University of Washington, B.A.; 1965-1968 Harvard Law School, L.L.B.

**MILITARY SERVICE:**

1969-1971 U.S. Army, E-5

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

1968-1969 Law Clerk to Justice Jay Rabinowitz, Alaska Supreme Court; 1971 Law Clerk to Justice Jay Rabinowitz, Alaska Supreme Court; 1972-1973 Assistant Public Defender, Kenai; 1973-1978 Assistant Public Defender, Fairbanks; 1978-1980 Assistant Attorney General, Fairbanks; 1980 to present Court of Appeals Judge

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Alaska Bar Association

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Skiing and tennis

**STATEMENT:**

None provided.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Robert G. Coats, Court of Appeals

### Judicial Council Recommendation

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on criteria that include legal ability, demeanor, diligence, ability to manage their caseloads, and fairness and integrity. The Judicial Council finds Judge Coats to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote “YES” to retain him as a court of appeals judge.

### Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed 2,884 attorneys together with court employees about the appellate judges on the ballot. Respondents were asked to rate judicial performance and to submit comments. The Council reviewed court system records concerning any civil or criminal litigation involving the judge; APOC and court system conflict-of-interest statements; any public disciplinary files; and whether a judge’s pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, court staff, and others, and held a statewide public hearing to obtain comments about judges.

	Attorney Survey	Court Employee Survey
Legal Ability	4.1	---
Impartiality	4.2	4.6
Integrity	4.4	4.7
Temperament	4.3	4.6
Diligence	4.1	4.6
Overall	4.2	4.6

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is “acceptable.”

**Rating Scale**

5.0 = Excellent  
4.0 = Good  
3.0 = Acceptable  
2.0 = Deficient  
1.0 = Poor

### Summary of Survey Information

Attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Coats on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Coats on overall performance was 4.2.

Court employees gave Judge Coats 4.6 on overall performance.

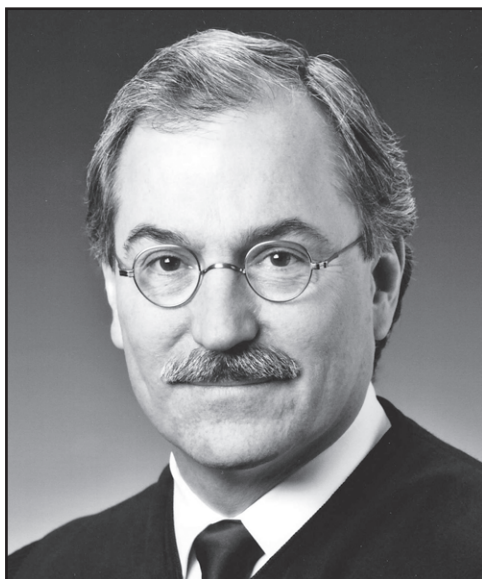
**Recommendation: Vote “YES” to retain Judge Robert G. Coats**

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# Superior Court Judge

## Craig F. Stowers, Third Judicial District



**MAILING ADDRESS:** Nesbett Courthouse  
825 W. Fourth Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**AGE:** 54

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Monique

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 31 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Denali National Park, Juneau, Anchorage

**EDUCATION:**  
Blackburn College (B.A.-1975)  
Police Academy (Certificate-1976)  
University of California-Davis Law School (J.D.-1985)(Order of the Coif)

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Park Ranger-US National Park Service, Colonial National Historical Park, Denali National Park (1975-1982); Law Clerk: Judge Robert Boochever, US Court of Appeals (9th Circuit, Juneau) (1985-1986); Law Clerk: Justice Warren Matthews, Alaska Supreme Court (1986-1987); Superior Court Judge (2004-2008)

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Attorney/Partner: Atkinson, Conway & Gagnon (1987-1995); Clapp, Peterson & Stowers (1995-2004)

### **SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

American Judicature Society; Judicial Division, American Bar Association; Alaska Bar Association; Christian Health Associates (Board President); Alaska Natural History Association (past Board President); Brother Francis Shelter (past Board member)

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Theology, Military History, Natural History, Cooking

### **OTHER:**

Alaska Court System Judicial Education Committee, Probate Involuntary Commitments Subcommittee, Anchorage Court Security Committee, Kodiak State Court traveling judge

### **STATEMENT:**

It has been a true honor and privilege to serve my state and community as a Superior Court Judge for the past four years. I am grateful for all that I have learned and accomplished in what could fairly be considered my apprenticeship years in jurisprudence, and I look forward to doing an even better job with the benefit of the greater maturity and wisdom that will come in a second term. If I am retained to serve another term, I promise to continue giving 100% of my ability and best effort to be the kind of judge you expect and deserve — a judge of integrity, who is committed to equal justice under the law; a judge who will take time to listen, be patient, be fair to all, and work diligently with an unflagging work ethic. Thank you for your consideration.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Craig F. Stowers, Superior Court, Anchorage

### Judicial Council Recommendation

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on criteria that include legal ability, demeanor, diligence, ability to manage their caseloads, and fairness and integrity. The Judicial Council finds Judge Stowers to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote “YES” to retain him as a superior court judge.

### Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed 2,884 attorneys and 1,539 peace and probation officers, together with social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates, jurors, and court employees about the judges on the ballot. Respondents were asked to rate judicial performance and to submit comments. The Council also reviewed the ratings and observations of the Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteers. The Council reviewed court system records concerning peremptory challenges, recusals, and appellate affirmance and reversal rates; any civil or criminal litigation involving the judge; APOC and court system conflict-of-interest statements; any public disciplinary files; and whether a judge's pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, court staff, and others, and held a statewide public hearing to obtain comments about judges.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs
Legal Ability	4.4	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.3	3.9	5.0	4.3	3.8
Integrity	4.6	4.1	---	4.4	4.3
Temperament	4.4	4.1	5.0	4.2	4.1
Diligence	4.4	4.0	---	4.4	4.3
Overall	4.4	4.1	5.0	4.2	3.9

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is “acceptable.”

#### Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent  
4.0 = Good  
3.0 = Acceptable  
2.0 = Deficient  
1.0 = Poor

### Summary of Survey Information

Attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Stowers on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Stowers on overall performance was 4.4. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Stowers on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Stowers a rating of 4.1.

Four other groups also evaluated Judge Stowers' performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 5.0 overall, court employees gave him 4.2, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 3.9. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated him 3.55.

**Recommendation: Vote “YES” to retain Judge Craig F. Stowers**

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# District Court Judge

## J. Patrick Hanley, Third Judicial District



**MAILING ADDRESS:** 825 W. 4th Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**AGE:** 42

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Birmingham, Alabama

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Tracy

**CHILDREN:** Blake

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 37 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Anchorage	1971-1988
Red Devil	1989
Kwigillingok	1989-1992
Quinhagak	1992-1993
Anchorage	1993 to present

**EDUCATION:**

Dimond High School, Anchorage, AK 1980-1984, Diploma; Northern Arizona University, 1984-86; Pacific Lutheran University, 1986-88, B.A.E.; University of Utah College of Law, 1993-96, J.D.

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Public school teacher, 1989-1993; Law clerk for the Alaska Court of Appeals, 1996-97; Assistant Anchorage Municipal Prosecutor, 1998-2000; Assistant District Attorney 2000-2005; District Court Judge, 2005 to present.

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Alaska Bar Association

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Family activities, biking, hiking, skiing.

**STATEMENT:**

My parents and four brothers and I moved to Anchorage in 1971, and Alaska has been home ever since. After graduating from college with a teaching degree I taught students in the Western Alaskan villages of Red Devil, Kwigillingok, and Quinhagak. After returning to school and earning my law degree, I clerked for the Alaska Court of Appeals, and then was a prosecutor for the Municipality of Anchorage and the State of Alaska.

I believe the purpose of the court system is to serve the people, and my practice is to treat all people who appear in court with fairness, dignity and respect. I am committed to honoring the time of jurors and providing access to justice for all participants, including those without attorneys.

I consider each case before me individually, carefully, and impartially, and try to reach decisions promptly. I strive to maintain the integrity we are entitled to expect from judges. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Alaskans as a district court judge in Anchorage. If retained, I will continue to serve Alaska as a judge to the utmost of my ability.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge J. Patrick Hanley, District Court, Anchorage

### Judicial Council Recommendation

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on criteria that include legal ability, demeanor, diligence, ability to manage their caseloads, and fairness and integrity. The Judicial Council finds Judge Hanley to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote “YES” to retain him as a district court judge.

### Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed 2,884 attorneys and 1,539 peace and probation officers, together with social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates, jurors, and court employees about the judges on the ballot. Respondents were asked to rate judicial performance and to submit comments. The Council also reviewed the ratings and observations of the Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteers. The Council reviewed court system records concerning peremptory challenges, recusals, and appellate affirmance and reversal rates; any civil or criminal litigation involving the judge; APOC and court system conflict-of-interest statements; any public disciplinary files; and whether a judge’s pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, court staff, and others, and held a statewide public hearing to obtain comments about judges.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs
Legal Ability	4.4	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.5	4.7	4.9	4.7	5.0
Integrity	4.6	4.8	---	4.7	5.0
Temperament	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.7	5.0
Diligence	4.5	4.8	---	4.7	5.0
Overall	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.0

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is “acceptable.”

#### Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent  
4.0 = Good  
3.0 = Acceptable  
2.0 = Deficient  
1.0 = Poor

### Summary of Survey Information

Attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Hanley on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Hanley on overall performance was 4.5. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Hanley on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Hanley a rating of 4.8.

Four other groups also evaluated Judge Hanley’s performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 4.8 overall, court employees gave him 4.7, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 5.0. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated him 3.44.

**Recommendation: Vote “YES” to retain Judge J. Patrick Hanley**

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# District Court Judge

## Margaret L. Murphy, Third Judicial District



**STATEMENT:**

It has been a privilege to serve as a district court judge. I would be honored to have the opportunity to continue this service.

**MAILING ADDRESS:** 3670 Lake Street, Suite 400  
Homer, AK 99603

**AGE:** 52

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Oakland, California

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 14 ½ years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Homer	2005 to Present
Aniak	1998-2000, 2002-2005
Bethel	2000-2002
Anchorage	1994-1998

**EDUCATION:**

Valparaiso University School of Law 1984-1987, J.D. Degree; Valparaiso University 1974-1978, B.A. Degree

**MILITARY SERVICE:**

U.S. Army, 1979-1983 and 1988-1994, Sergeant (1983), Captain (1994); Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2), National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal

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# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Margaret L. Murphy, District Court, Homer

### Judicial Council Recommendation

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on criteria that include legal ability, demeanor, diligence, ability to manage their caseloads, and fairness and integrity. The Judicial Council finds Judge Murphy to be **Qualified** and recommends with a 4-2 vote that the public vote “YES” to retain her as a district court judge.

### Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed 2,884 attorneys and 1,539 peace and probation officers, together with social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates, jurors, and court employees about the judges on the ballot. Respondents were asked to rate judicial performance and to submit comments. The Council also reviewed the ratings and observations of the Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteers. The Council reviewed court system records concerning peremptory challenges, recusals, and appellate affirmance and reversal rates; any civil or criminal litigation involving the judge; APOC and court system conflict-of-interest statements; any public disciplinary files; and whether a judge’s pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, court staff, and others, and held a statewide public hearing to obtain comments about judges.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs
Legal Ability	3.6	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	3.7	4.1	4.8	4.1	5.0
Integrity	3.9	4.5	---	4.2	4.5
Temperament	3.4	4.3	4.9	3.9	4.5
Diligence	3.7	4.3	---	4.1	4.5
Overall	3.5	4.4	4.7	4.1	4.5

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is “acceptable.”

#### Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent  
4.0 = Good  
3.0 = Acceptable  
2.0 = Deficient  
1.0 = Poor

### Summary of Survey Information

Attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Swiderski on the six categories summarized in the table above, using Attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Murphy on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Murphy on overall performance was 3.5. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Murphy on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Murphy a rating of 4.4.

Three other groups also evaluated Judge Murphy's performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated her 4.7 overall, court employees gave her 4.1, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated her at 4.5.

**Recommendation: Vote “YES” to retain Judge Margaret L. Murphy**

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# District Court Judge

## Daniel Schally, Third Judicial District



**MAILING ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 127  
Valdez, AK 99686

**AGE:** 40

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Minnesota

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 11 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Kodiak	1997-98
Ketchikan	1998-2005
Valdez	2005-present

**EDUCATION:**

University of Minnesota Duluth & Minneapolis B.A.  
History 1990, University of Minnesota Law School J.D.  
(cum laude) 1997

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

District Court judge, Valdez/Glennallen/Sand point; Asst.  
District Attorney, Ketchikan/Prince of Wales Island/  
Wrangell; Superior Court Law Clerk (Hon. Donald  
Hopwood), Kodiak; City & Borough of Juneau Prosecution  
Intern, Juneau; Hennepin County District Court Intern,  
Minneapolis

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Alaska Bar Ass'n; Valdez Bar Ass'n; Ketchikan Bar  
Ass'n; Admitted to state bars in Alaska, Minnesota, &  
Washington; Admitted to federal bar in Alaska

**SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Community Connections (Ketchikan), board of directors,  
1999-2004; KRBD Community Radio (Ketchikan), board  
of directors, 2003-05; Valdez, Ketchikan, and Klawock  
Youth Court volunteer; Copper Valley Electric Ass'n  
Valdez Scholarship Committee member, 2008; KCHU  
Terminal Radio (Valdez), board of directors, 2008-

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Diving, swimming, kayaking, hiking, snow-shoeing, fish-  
ing, travel, reading

**STATEMENT:**

It has been my honor to serve as a district court judge  
and superior court judge *pro tempore* for the last three  
and a half years. As the only judge in Valdez, I handle a  
wide variety of cases including criminal, civil, domestic  
relations, juvenile, probate, child in need of aid, and  
administrative and district court appeals. I consider  
myself fortunate to serve not only in Valdez but also in  
Glennallen and in several Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian  
and Shumagin Island communities, including Sand Point  
and King Cove. I have enjoyed meeting and working  
with Alaskans in these communities and I would be hon-  
ored to continue working as a judge for the next four  
years.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Daniel Schally, District Court, Valdez

### Judicial Council Recommendation

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on criteria that include legal ability, demeanor, diligence, ability to manage their caseloads, and fairness and integrity. The Judicial Council finds Judge Schally to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote “YES” to retain him as a district court judge.

### Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed 2,884 attorneys and 1,539 peace and probation officers, together with social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates, jurors, and court employees about the judges on the ballot. Respondents were asked to rate judicial performance and to submit comments. The Council also reviewed the ratings and observations of the Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteers. The Council reviewed court system records concerning peremptory challenges, recusals, and appellate affirmance and reversal rates; any civil or criminal litigation involving the judge; APOC and court system conflict-of-interest statements; any public disciplinary files; and whether a judge’s pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, court staff, and others, and held a statewide public hearing to obtain comments about judges.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs
Legal Ability	4.1	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.2	5.0
Integrity	4.3	4.6	---	4.2	5.0
Temperament	4.1	4.6	4.7	4.3	5.0
Diligence	4.2	4.5	---	4.3	5.0
Overall	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.4	5.0

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is “acceptable.”

#### Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent  
4.0 = Good  
3.0 = Acceptable  
2.0 = Deficient  
1.0 = Poor

### Summary of Survey Information

Attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Schally on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Schally on overall performance was 4.1. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Schally on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Schally a rating of 4.5.

Three other groups also evaluated Judge Schally's performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 4.8 overall, court employees gave him 4.4, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 5.0.

**Recommendation: Vote “YES” to retain Judge Daniel Schally**

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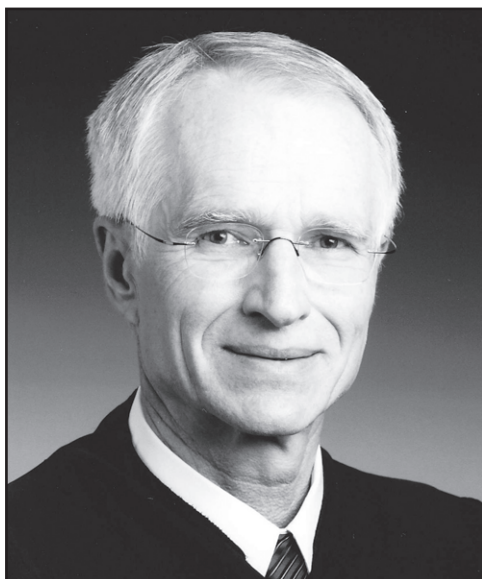
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# District Court Judge

## Alex M. Swiderski, Third Judicial District



### SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Great Land Trust board of Directors: 1998-2005

### SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family activities, skiing, biking, camping, reading

### STATEMENT:

It has been my privilege to serve the people of the State of Alaska as a District Court Judge for the last three years.

I do my best to treat everyone in the courtroom with dignity and respect, to decide cases fairly, impartially, and promptly, and to enforce our laws. Even though the Anchorage District Court has the highest volume of cases in Alaska, I give every case the attention it needs.

I will be honored if the voters allow me to continue this service.

**MAILING ADDRESS:** 825 West Fourth Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501

**AGE:** 61

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Duluth, MN

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Kathryn Swiderski

**CHILDREN:** Benjamin, Matthew

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 31 years

### ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Anchorage	1977-1987, 1991-present
Palmer	1988-1991

### EDUCATION:

Morgan Park High School, 1965; Harvard University, A.B. 1969; Northeastern University, J.D. 1977

### POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Assistant Public Defender, 1981-1990; Assistant Attorney General, Oil Spill Litigation and Environmental Sections, 1990-2005; District Court Judge, 2005-present

### BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Private practice in Anchorage, 1977-1980; Discipline Hearing Committee, Alaska Bar Association, 2002-2005; Magistrate training judge, 2007; Judicial Conference Planning Committee; Anchorage Wellness Court Judge

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# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Alex M. Swiderski, District Court, Anchorage

### Judicial Council Recommendation

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on criteria that include legal ability, demeanor, diligence, ability to manage their caseloads, and fairness and integrity. The Judicial Council finds Judge Swiderski to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote “YES” to retain him as a district court judge.

### Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed 2,884 attorneys and 1,539 peace and probation officers, together with social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates, jurors, and court employees about the judges on the ballot. Respondents were asked to rate judicial performance and to submit comments. The Council also reviewed the ratings and observations of the Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteers. The Council reviewed court system records concerning peremptory challenges, recusals, and appellate affirmance and reversal rates; any civil or criminal litigation involving the judge; APOC and court system conflict-of-interest statements; any public disciplinary files; and whether a judge’s pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, court staff, and others, and held a statewide public hearing to obtain comments about judges.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs
Legal Ability	3.9	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.0	4.1	4.8	4.2	---
Integrity	4.2	4.3	---	4.4	---
Temperament	3.9	4.1	4.9	4.2	---
Diligence	4.0	4.0	---	4.3	---
Overall	3.9	4.0	4.8	4.3	---

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is “acceptable.”

#### Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent  
4.0 = Good  
3.0 = Acceptable  
2.0 = Deficient  
1.0 = Poor

### Summary of Survey Information

Attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Swiderski on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Swiderski on overall performance was 3.9. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Swiderski on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Swiderski a rating of 4.0.

Three other groups also evaluated Judge Swiderski's performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 4.8 overall and court employees gave him 4.3. There were no social workers, guardians ad litem or CASA volunteers who rated Judge Swiderski. The Alaska Judicial Observers rated him 3.46.

**Recommendation: Vote “YES” to retain Judge Alex M. Swiderski**

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# Superior Court Judge

## Robert B. Downes, Fourth Judicial District



**MAILING ADDRESS:** 101 Lacey Street  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

**AGE:** 65

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Boston, Massachusetts

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Melissa Downes

**CHILDREN:** Amy Tallerico

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 38 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Fairbanks 1970-2008

**EDUCATION:**  
Belmont Hill School 1955-1960; Tufts University 1960-1961; Saint Vincent College 1962-1965, B.S. (Biology); Boston College Law School 1965-1968, Juris Doctorate Degree.

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Assistant District Attorney 1970-1974

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
1974-1983 Associate or partner in several law firms; 1989-2005 Senior Partner Downes, MacDonald & Levengood; Presiding Judge Fairbanks Wellness Court (2007-2008)

### **SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

Alaska Bar Association (member 1970-2008); Massachusetts Bar Association (active member 1969-1971; inactive member 1971-2005); Kiwanis Club of Fairbanks (Past President) 1972-1976

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Family, Alaska outdoors, gardening, hockey, golf, music, Fairbanks Symphony, Opera Fairbanks, Northland Children's Choir

### **STATEMENT:**

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve the people of the State of Alaska as a Superior Court Judge. I have found each year that I have served to be a rewarding experience.

I have endeavored to perform my duties as a Superior Court Judge in a fair, courteous, and impartial manner with respect to all litigants, jurors and attorneys. I am keenly aware that the cases entrusted to me are important to both the participants and the people of the State of Alaska and I have taken on the duties of this position mindful that all people, not just the wealthy and the powerful, are entitled to justice under the law.

I have undertaken the responsibility of the Fairbanks Wellness Court which has a mission of breaking the cycle of addiction in connection with serious DUI cases. It is my fervent hope that this court will grow to help people in all phases of addictive behavior, and that the people of the Interior will be able to realize a greater measure of safety and public protection through the efforts of the hard workers in this court; and that the participants will be able to lead healthy and productive lives.

If retained I will continue to meet my responsibilities to the people of our community with continued devotion to providing a forum for the just resolution of all matters before me.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Robert B. Downes, Superior Court, Fairbanks

### Judicial Council Recommendation

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on criteria that include legal ability, demeanor, diligence, ability to manage their caseloads, and fairness and integrity. The Judicial Council finds Judge Downes to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote “YES” to retain him as a superior court judge.

### Judicial Council Evaluation

workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates, jurors, and court employees about the judges on the ballot. Respondents were asked to rate judicial performance and to submit comments. The Council also reviewed the ratings and observations of the Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteers. The Council reviewed court system records concerning peremptory challenges, recusals, and appellate affirmance and reversal rates; any civil or criminal litigation involving the judge; APOC and court system conflict-of-interest statements; any public disciplinary files; and whether a judge’s pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, court staff, and others, and held a statewide public hearing to obtain comments about judges.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs
Legal Ability	3.7	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	3.8	4.3	4.7	4.3	3.7
Integrity	4.0	4.4	---	4.3	4.0
Temperament	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.3	4.1
Diligence	3.6	4.2	---	4.1	4.1
Overall	3.7	4.3	4.6	4.3	3.8

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is “acceptable.”

#### Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent  
4.0 = Good  
3.0 = Acceptable  
2.0 = Deficient  
1.0 = Poor

### Summary of Survey Information

Attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Downes on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Downes on overall performance was 3.7. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Downes on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Downes a rating of 4.3.

Three other groups also evaluated Judge Downes’ performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 4.6 overall, court employees gave him 4.3, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 3.8.

**Recommendation: Vote “YES” to retain Judge Robert B. Downes**

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# District Court Judge

## Dennis P. Cummings, Fourth Judicial District



### MILITARY SERVICE:

USAF, 1966-1970, SSgt (E-5), Good Conduct, Unit citation, President Unit citation (2)

### POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Alaska DPS 1970-1974  
Alaska DNR 1975-1976  
Alaska DoC 1977  
University of Alaska 1976-1977  
Municipality of Anchorage 1982-1990  
Alaska DoL 2001-2006  
Alaska Court System 2006 - present

### BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Law Office of Dennis Cummings 1990 - 1998  
Gorton and Assoc. 1998 - 2001

### SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Lions Clubs International, Alaska Children Services, Alaska Center for the Blind, Pioneers of Alaska, Knights of Columbus

### STATEMENT:

I have been on the bench for two and a half years and find the position interesting and challenging. I have lived on the Delta for 6 years and have found the residents to be fair minded and friendly. I have always tried to be open and fair minded in my decisions. It has been a privilege to serve this community and I would like to continue to do so for the next four years. I ask that you allow me that opportunity.

**MAILING ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 130  
Bethel, AK 99559

**AGE:** 62

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Yakima, Washington

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Diana

**CHILDREN:** Gregory Cummings,  
Annette Promis, Hillary Stephens,  
Bethany Cummings  
Step-children: Jack Trucks,  
Marie Brown

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 42 years

### ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Anchorage	1966 - 1970, 1987 - 2002
Fairbanks	1970 - 1973
Talkeetna	1973 - 1974
Wasilla	1974 - 1987 (except when at law school 1977-80)
Bethel	2002 - present

### EDUCATION:

Mat-Su CC, Palmer, AK., 1975-1976, 2 AA Degrees in Soc/Sci and History  
University of Alaska, Anchorage Campus, 1976-1977, BA Degree in History,  
Gonzaga School of Law, 1977-1980, JD Degree

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# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Dennis P. Cummings, District Court, Bethel

### Judicial Council Recommendation

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on a number of criteria, including their legal ability, their demeanor, their diligence, their ability to manage their caseloads, and their fairness and integrity. After receiving a number of reports and comments from those who work with and appear before Bethel District Court Judge Dennis Cummings, the Judicial Council undertook an additional investigation including a review of court records and interviews with forty people. The Council reviewed a complaint issued by the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct that found probable cause to allege that Judge Cummings had violated several Canons of Judicial Conduct relating to ex parte contact with a state witness in a criminal trial. The Council also reviewed Judge Cummings' response to that complaint. The Council considered ratings from attorneys statewide who rated Judge Cummings "below acceptable" in the areas of Legal Ability and Temperament. Among attorneys in the Fourth Judicial District, where Judge Cummings presides, the judge received ratings that were substantially "below acceptable" on Legal Ability, Impartiality, Temperament, and Overall Performance. Based on this investigation and a meeting with Judge Cummings in which he had an opportunity to respond, the Judicial Council had considerable concerns about Judge Cummings' lack of impartiality, inappropriate ex parte contact, inability to control the courtroom, inadequate legal knowledge, and lack of candor. The Judicial Council finds Judge Cummings to be **Unqualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote **"No"** on his retention as a district court judge.

### Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed 2,884 attorneys and 1,539 peace and probation officers, together with social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates, jurors, and court employees about the judges on the ballot. Respondents were asked to rate judicial performance and to submit comments. The Council reviewed court system records concerning peremptory challenges, recusals, and appellate affirmance and reversal rates; any civil or criminal litigation involving the judge; APOC and court system conflict-of-interest statements; any public disciplinary files; and whether a judge's pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, court staff, and others, and held a statewide public hearing to obtain comments about judges.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs
Legal Ability	2.9	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	3.2	3.8	4.2	3.8	---
Integrity	3.6	4.0	---	3.9	---
Temperament	2.9	3.7	4.4	3.3	---
Diligence	3.2	4.0	---	3.7	---
Overall	3.0	3.9	4.3	3.5	---

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

#### Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent  
4.0 = Good  
3.0 = Acceptable  
2.0 = Deficient  
1.0 = Poor

### Summary of Survey Information

Attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Cummings on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Cummings on overall performance was 3.0. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Cummings on five categories. They gave Judge Cummings a rating of 3.9. Jurors rated Judge Cummings 4.3 overall and court employees gave him 3.5. There were no social workers, guardians ad litem or CASA volunteers who rated Judge Cummings.

**Recommendation: Vote "NO" on the retention of Judge Dennis P. Cummings**

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# District Court Judge

## Raymond M. Funk, Fourth Judicial District



**MAILING ADDRESS:** 101 Lacey Street  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

**AGE:** 56

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Chicago

**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Kate Pendleton

**CHILDREN:** Owen Funk, Emma Funk

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 28 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Fairbanks 1979 -

### **EDUCATION:**

High School:  
Libertyville High School, (Libertyville, Ill.) 1970  
College/University:  
University of Notre Dame (South Bend, Ind.) B. A. 1974  
Post Graduate:  
University of Chicago (Chicago, Ill.) M. A. 1975  
University of California (Berkeley, Ca.) J. D. 1979

**MILITARY SERVICE:** None

### **POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

District Court Judge, 1998-present;  
Assistant Attorney General, 1989-1998;  
Probate Master, 1988-1989;  
Assistant Public Defender, 1981-1988;  
Law Clerk to Justice Rabinowitz, 1979-1980

### **BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

#### **Prior to Judicial Appointment**

Member of Children's Rules and Probate Rules committees, Chairman of the Alaska Bar Association Continuing Legal Education committee.

### **SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:**

None

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Music research, weekly radio show, family activities

### **STATEMENT:**

It has been my honor to have served as a district court judge for the past decade here in Fairbanks. It remains challenging and rewarding. Most of my caseload is criminal cases that involve abuse of alcohol. It remains a major challenge of our criminal justice system. Judge Downes and I have been involved in the creation of the Fairbanks Wellness Court which opened its doors last fall. This exciting project, based on successful court programs across the country and around Alaska, seeks to turn repeat DUI offenders through an intense 18 month program into productive citizens with a greatly reduced risk of harming others through drinking and driving.

I remain very active in bringing school children into the courtroom for mock trials, talking to classes everywhere from grade schools to UAF in our community, and working with the Fairbanks Youth Court. I was pleased to receive the 2007 Community Outreach Award from the Alaska Supreme Court for my efforts in this area. I also am involved as a training judge for several years with rural magistrates in our area. I serve on statewide committees on new judge training and the pattern criminal jury instructions.

Every day I continue to strive to be efficient and expeditious in handling the decisions that come before me. I have also been active in volunteering to handle many settlement conferences. I will continue to work hard to serve the citizens of our community in a fair and just manner.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

## Judge Raymond Funk, District Court, Fairbanks

### Judicial Council Recommendation

The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska constitution, evaluates judges on criteria that include legal ability, demeanor, diligence, ability to manage their caseloads, and fairness and integrity. The Judicial Council finds Judge Funk to be **Qualified** and recommends unanimously that the public vote “YES” to retain him as a district court judge.

### Judicial Council Evaluation

The Judicial Council surveyed 2,884 attorneys and 1,539 peace and probation officers, together with social workers/guardians ad litem, and child advocates, jurors, and court employees about the judges on the ballot. Respondents were asked to rate judicial performance and to submit comments. The Council also reviewed the ratings and observations of the Alaska Judicial Observers, independent community-based volunteers. The Council reviewed court system records concerning peremptory challenges, recusals, and appellate affirmance and reversal rates; any civil or criminal litigation involving the judge; APOC and court system conflict-of-interest statements; any public disciplinary files; and whether a judge’s pay was withheld for an untimely decision. The Council investigated judicial conduct in specific cases. The Council interviewed some judges, attorneys, court staff, and others, and held a statewide public hearing to obtain comments about judges.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey	Social Workers Guardians ad Litem CASAs
Legal Ability	4.3	---	---	---	---
Impartiality	4.3	4.5	4.8	4.1	4.5
Integrity	4.5	4.5	---	4.2	4.5
Temperament	4.2	4.4	4.8	3.6	4.5
Diligence	4.3	4.4	---	4.2	4.5
Overall	4.3	4.5	4.8	4.0	4.5

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is “acceptable.”

#### Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent  
4.0 = Good  
3.0 = Acceptable  
2.0 = Deficient  
1.0 = Poor

### Summary of Survey Information

Attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Funk on the six categories summarized in the table above, using 5 as the highest rating possible. The attorney rating for Judge Funk on overall performance was 4.3. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Funk on five categories, using the 5-point scale above. They gave Judge Funk a rating of 4.5.

Three other groups also evaluated Judge Funk’s performance, using the same 5-point scale with 5 as the highest rating. Jurors rated him 4.8 overall, court employees gave him 4.0, and social workers, guardians ad litem and CASA volunteers rated him at 4.5.

**Recommendation: Vote “YES” to retain Judge Raymond Funk**

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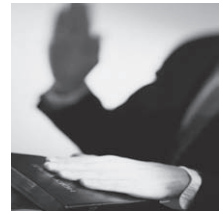
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- job creation through free enterprise
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- a strong military
- personal accountability under the law

## **Do you oppose**

- dependance on foreign energy
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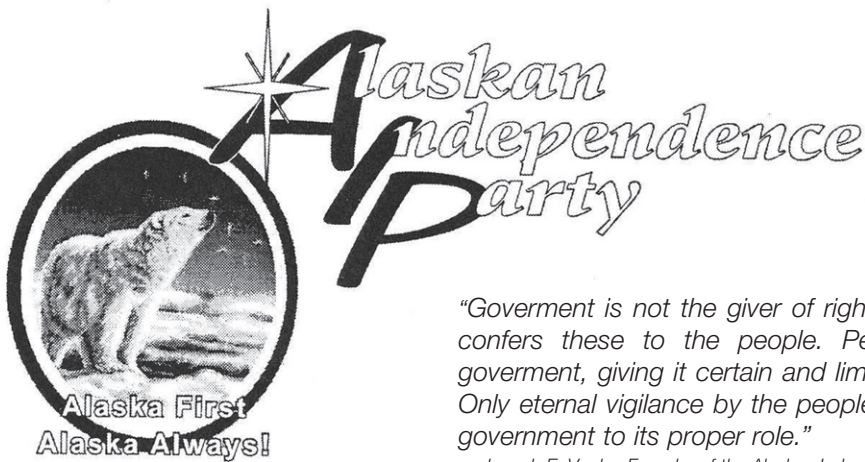
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What a difference a year can make. Last September, the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Board of Trustees had the pleasure of reporting that the Permanent Fund's investments had returned 17.1% for the fiscal year, and that every asset class had provided a positive return.

And then the storms came.

It is precisely because of times like these that the Board of Trustees takes a long-term view, building an all-weather portfolio for the Permanent Fund. We don't try to time the markets. Instead we build a portfolio that we believe will provide a more stable return under a variety of market conditions, to reach the conservative goal of a 5% rate of return over time above the rate of inflation.

Diversification is a very important part of building our portfolio. Last fiscal year's positive performance by every asset class was extremely unusual. Generally, different types of investments work in disharmony with one another, and as market conditions favor one type of investment, other investments will cycle down. The strength of diversification lies in its ability to help the Permanent Fund make healthy gains during up markets and limit losses during financial turmoil like we have experienced for the last year.

The experts suggest that there is still some rough weather in the near term. Fortunately, the Permanent Fund has the advantage of being a long-term investor, and we will continue to press forward on our path. The Trustees are very deliberate in the investment decisions that we make, and we can hold on to those investments as long as we continue to have faith in their underlying value, regardless of how the markets are performing.

One final note - I believe that Alaskans will always be richer for having the foresight 30 years ago to create this Fund. It will have its ups and downs in the future, as it has in the past, but with prudent management it will be here to benefit Alaskans in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Steve Frank

Chair, APFC Board of Trustees



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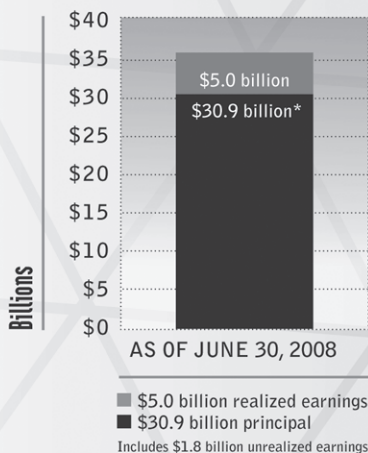
## WHAT IS THE ALASKA PERMANENT FUND?

The Permanent Fund is an investment fund created by Alaskans in 1976 as a way to save a portion of our oil revenues for the needs of future generations. On June 30, 2008, the Fund was worth \$35.9 billion.

## WHO MANAGES THE PERMANENT FUND?

The Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation manages the day-to-day operations of the Fund and is overseen by a six-member Board of Trustees appointed by the governor and selected for their experience in finance, investments or other business-related fields.

## A Two-Part Fund



## HOW DOES THE FUND WORK?

The Fund is divided into two parts, principal and earnings, both of which are fully invested. The Alaska Constitution says that the principal may not be spent. The earnings in the earnings reserve account may be spent by the Legislature for any purpose it wishes. Currently, earnings are only used for the Permanent Fund Dividend and transfers to the Alaska Capital Income Fund.

## HOW DOES MONEY GO INTO THE EARNINGS RESERVE ACCOUNT?

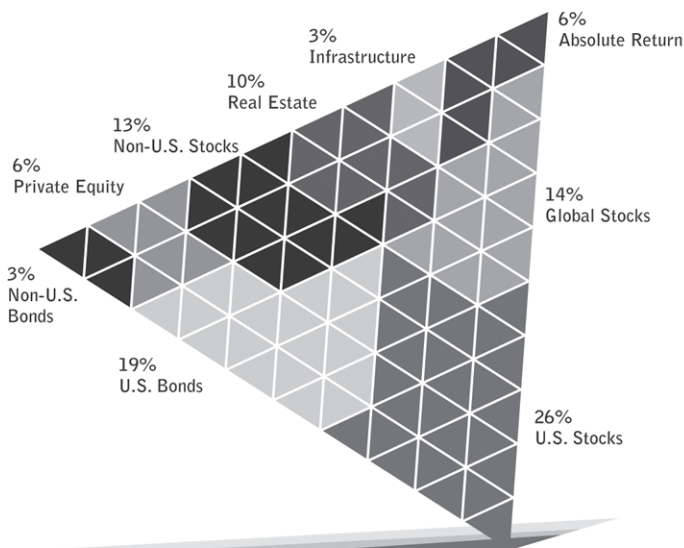
Realized earnings go into the earnings reserve account. This is the income from bond interest, real estate rent payments, stock dividends and the gains from assets that are sold at a profit. Unrealized earnings remain in principal until the assets are sold.

## HOW IS THE FUND INVESTED?

Originally, the Fund was only invested in bonds. Now it is invested in a number of different asset classes, which earn income and can grow in value. By diversifying the Fund into these different assets, the Trustees ensure that it is better protected for the future. When one asset class has a down year, it is often balanced by good performance in other asset classes.

## APFC Target Asset Allocation

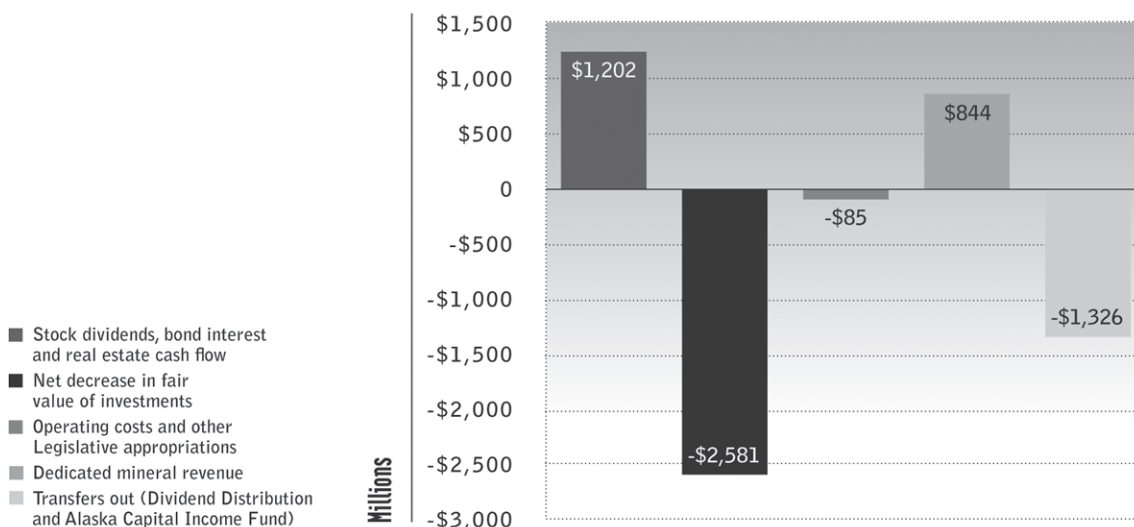
AS OF MAY 29, 2008



# Balance Sheets

JUNE 30,	2008	2007	NET CHANGE	PERCENT
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 819,861,000	1,651,091,000	(831,230,000)	-50.34%
Receivables, prepaid expenses and other assets	1,089,255,000	394,248,000	695,007,000	176.29%
Investments	36,481,739,000	38,420,971,000	(1,939,232,000)	-5.05%
Securities lending collateral invested	2,282,400,000	4,881,893,000	(2,599,493,000)	-53.25%
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 40,673,255,000</b>	<b>45,348,203,000</b>	<b>(4,674,948,000)</b>	<b>-10.31%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 998,883,000	1,374,663,000	(375,780,000)	-27.34%
Securities sold short	184,872,000	201,596,000	(16,724,000)	-8.30%
Income distributable to the State of Alaska	1,326,170,000	1,063,955,000	262,215,000	24.65%
Securities lending collateral	2,282,400,000	4,881,893,000	(2,599,493,000)	-53.25%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>4,792,325,000</b>	<b>7,522,107,000</b>	<b>(2,729,782,000)</b>	<b>-36.29%</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Reserved – principal				
Contributions and appropriations	29,148,930,000	27,496,893,000	1,652,037,000	6.01%
Unrealized appreciation-invested assets	1,763,226,000	6,197,582,000	(4,434,356,000)	-71.55%
<b>Total Reserved</b>	<b>30,912,156,000</b>	<b>33,694,475,000</b>	<b>(2,782,319,000)</b>	<b>-8.26%</b>
Unreserved				
Realized earnings	4,968,774,000	4,131,621,000	837,153,000	20.26%
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>35,880,930,000</b>	<b>37,826,096,000</b>	<b>(1,945,166,000)</b>	<b>-5.14%</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 40,673,255,000</b>	<b>45,348,203,000</b>	<b>(4,674,948,000)</b>	<b>-10.31%</b>

## Sources of Change in Fund Value, Fiscal 2008



# Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30,	2008	2007	NET CHANGE	PERCENT
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Interest, dividends, real estate and other income	\$ 1,202,310,000	1,184,900,000	17,410,000	1.47%
Increase in the fair value of investments	(2,580,869,000)	4,332,946,000	(6,913,815,000)	-159.56%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	(1,378,559,000)	5,517,846,000	(6,896,405,000)	-124.98%
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Operating expenditures	(78,414,000)	(63,782,000)	(14,632,000)	22.94%
Other Legislative appropriations	(6,335,000)	(6,013,000)	(322,000)	5.36%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	(84,749,000)	(69,795,000)	(14,954,000)	21.43%
<b>Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures</b>	\$ (1,463,308,000)	5,448,051,000	(6,911,359,000)	-126.86%
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in – dedicated State revenues	844,312,000	532,281,000	312,031,000	58.62%
Transfers out – appropriations	(1,326,170,000)	(1,063,955,000)	(262,215,000)	24.65%
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	(1,945,166,000)	4,916,377,000	(6,861,543,000)	-139.57%
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Beginning of period	37,826,096,000	32,909,719,000	4,916,377,000	14.94%
End of period	\$ 35,880,930,000	37,826,096,000	(1,945,166,000)	-5.14%

## HOW DOES THE FUND GROW?

The Fund has three sources of potential growth each year, which are listed below. For FY08, the additions and subtractions from the Fund's total value are listed in the Sources of Change in Fund Value graph.

- The state Constitution directs that 25% of Alaska's mineral royalties and primarily oil royalties be deposited into the Fund.
- Income flows in from stock dividends, bond interest and real estate rental fees.
- Assets can increase (or decrease) in value over the original purchase price, whether they are sold or held in the portfolio.

## HOW IS THE DIVIDEND DETERMINED?

On June 30 of each year, the statutory income of the Fund for the last five years is averaged together and half of that amount is available for the dividend. Then that amount is divided by the number of qualified applicants for the dividend.



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